Hi Steve,

Thank you for sharing your concern about idling police vehicles. I believe a representative from the Madison Police Department will be reaching out to you (if they haven't already) to explain their policy to limit unnecessary idling. My understanding is that they do not condone leaving a vehicle running when no one is inside. From a fleet maintenance perspective, we agree that stopping idling is important to reduce the wear and tear on the engine, and then there's the environmental and economic impact of wasting fuel. Idling truly is a concern, and I appreciate you bringing this up for discussion.

Most police vehicles have extra electrical equipment (computer, camera, radio, lights, etc.), and they need to have the engine running to use that equipment when they're working in the field or on a scene. Anything we can do to increase the fuel-efficiency of the vehicles themselves is helpful. We are working with the Police Department to increase the hybrid and electric vehicles in their fleet. Currently, they have over 100 hybrid vehicles and 18 electric vehicles, with more on the way.

I also want to clarify one point about the engine hours listed on the auction examples you included. The engine hour meter tracks how long an engine is running, which includes when it's physically driving down a road. A good rule of thumb is to estimate 30 miles driven per engine hour, so you can use that to calculate a better estimate of the true idle time for an engine.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

Rachel Darken

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Lot - 2908

2019 Ford Explorer 4 Door AWD SUV - Police

SKU# : 525193

Category : Mount Horeb - WI

Qty : 1

Starts: Tue Aug 05 2025 2:00 PM

Ends: Tue Aug 19 2025 10:00 AM

Starting Bid
100.00

Bid Increment
50.00

Current Bid : 3,753.03

Bid History(32)

Refresh

Min. Next Bid: 3,803.03

3,803.03

Max Bid

Bid Now

6 d : 13 h : 43 m : 36 s

Description | Additional Description | Images | Terms

VEHICLE INFORMATION:

-Seller: 99972 - Marathon County Sheriff's Office
-Vin#: 1FM5K8AR5KGA64973
-Miles: 132,377
-Engine Hours: 8,371 -- **Idle Hours**: 5,655
-Overall Condition: Ok/Fair
-Transmission: Automatic
-Engine: 3.7LV6
-Fuel: Gasoline/Flex Fuel
-Title Brands: Prior Police Vehicle
-Estimated DMV & Processing Fees: $164.50 Title Transfer; $85 Auto Plate Fee; $50 Processing Fee
-Listed By: EG

5,655 hrs. = 235.625 Days
24 hrs.

Click on lot number for full details, additional description, conditions, DMV fees, larger pictures & more!

Lot - 62426

2020 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor 4-Door 4WD SUV - Police

SKU# : 522972

Category : Tomah - WI

Qty : 1

Starts: Mon Jul 21 2025 12:30 PM

Ends: Mon Aug 04 2025 10:40 AM

Idle Hours
÷ 24
= 315 days

Starting Bid
100.00

Bid Increment
50.00

Current Bid : 3,050.00

Bid History(12)

Refresh

Min. Next Bid: 3,100.00

3,100.00

Max Bid

Bid Now

8 d : 18 h : 34 m : 10 s

Description Additional Description Images Terms

- **Details:** VIN#: 1FM5K8AB9LGD00903 -- Miles: 114,867 -- Total Hours: 11,903 / Idle Hours: 7,568 -- Transmission: Automatic -- Engine: 3.3L V6 DI DOHC Ti-VCT -- Fuel Type: Gasoline -- Color: Black -- Features: Four Wheel Drive, Police Spot Light -- Seller Has Title -- Previously Titled as Police
- **Provided Condition:** Overall Condition: Fair -- Needs Jump Start -- Runs and Drives -- Transmission Slips Intermittently -- Needs New Battery -- Tires Need to be Replaced Soon -- Tire Pressure Sensor Light is On -- Needs an Oil Change Soon -- No Known Fluid Leaks -- Front Windows Stick in the Down Position Intermittently -- Typical Police Equipment Holes/Scrapes on the Dash/Interior -- Typical Scratches/Dings/Dents on the Doors/Body -- Hood Is Wrapped with Black Carbon Fiber -- Vehicle Was Maintained by A Professional Mechanic from the City of Tomah -- Inspection is Highly Encouraged -- Sold AS/IS
- **Seller Inventory #:** Squad 54
- **Seller:** 124541-Tomah Police Department - 805 Superior Ave, Tomah, WI 54660 - Patrol Lieutenant Adam Perkins at 608-374-7500 or aperkins@tomahwi.gov - Please contact with questions and to schedule inspections or pickups - **Appointments are required Mon-Thurs from 6:00am-3:00pm Typically**, no walk-ins.
- Click on lot number for more details & bigger pictures