



SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

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AFTER NEARLY 17 YEARS, THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS CHANGING THE PAINT SCHEME OF ITS FLEET OF PATROL VEHICLES. THE AWARD WINNING DESIGN DUBBED, "SHAMU" BY THE DEPUTIES, WILL BE REPLACED THROUGH ATTRITION WITH THE NEW DESIGN BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER 2009.

IN THE EARLY 1990'S, THEN SHERIFF MICHAEL HILL, EMBARKED ON A MISSION TO CHANGE THE WAY THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE APPEARED TO THE PUBLIC. FOLLOWING THE REVIEW OF DESIGN SUBMISSIONS, THE "SHAMU" DESIGN WAS SELECTED. THE DESIGN WAS UNLIKE ANY OTHER POLICE VEHICLE MARKING, BUT HAS GROWN ON DEPUTIES AND PUBLIC ALIKE. IT RECEIVED A NATIONAL AWARD FOR BEST PATROL VEHICLE DESIGN IN 1994.

WITH CURRENT SITUATIONS IN OUR ECONOMY, SHERIFF ROBERT HINSHAW ASKED MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCING ANNUAL COSTS. AMONG THE MANY IDEAS SUBMITTED, SEVERAL SUGGESTED CHANGING THE PAINT SCHEME OF THE PATROL VEHICLES.

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PRESENTLY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS SPENDING \$4,000.00 PER VEHICLE FOR THE "SHAMU" PAINT SCHEME AND DECAL PACKAGE. THIS INCLUDES THE INITIAL PAINTING, DECALS, AND THE RETURNING OF THE WHITE OVER BLUE CAR TO ITS ORIGINAL ALL BLUE COLOR AT THE END OF THE VEHICLES SERVICE LIFE.

THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ESTIMATES THAT IT WILL SAVE \$3,500.00 PER VEHICLE THROUGH THE TRANSITION TO THE NEW PAINT SCHEME. ON AN AVERAGE, THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPLACES 20 PATROL VEHICLE PER YEAR. THIS WILL EQUATE TO A SAVINGS OF \$70,000.00 PER YEAR, WITH THE ENTIRE FLEET BEING TRANSITIONED BY 2012 AND A TOTAL SAVINGS OF \$262,500.00.

SHERIFF HINSHAW WILL PRESENT THE NEW DESIGN TO THE PUBLIC ON OCTOBER 23, 2009 AT 2:00 P.M. THE UNVEILING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE EAST PARKING LOT OF THE ADULT DETENTION FACILITY LOCATED AT 141 W. ELM, IN WICHITA, KANSAS.

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