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Sheriff's department buys Lempster's 4-wheel drive

NEWPORT — A 2006 four-wheel drive Ford Explorer has been added to the fleet at the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department.

County commissioners voted 3-0 at their Sept. 3 meeting to purchase the vehicle for \$15,000 from the Town of Lempster.

"If I didn't think it was a good bang for the buck I wouldn't have brought it to you," Sheriff Mike Prozzo told board members. Initial discussion on the proposed purchase surfaced at the commissioners' meeting two weeks earlier.

The Explorer was previously used by the Lempster Police Department and has been driven for approximately 19,000 miles.

The Sullivan County Sheriff's Department now covers Lempster, which no longer has its own police department.

Prozzo said his department will bill Lempster \$1,133 less per month for the next 12 months to pay for the vehicle. Unanticipated revenue coming into the department is expected to cover the purchase cost, Prozzo said.

The sheriff's department now has a fleet of nine vehicles including seven sedans, a van and the four-wheel drive Explorer. Prozzo said the old Lempster cruiser will not be repainted but new Sullivan

County Sheriff's Department decals will be placed on the vehicle at an estimated cost of \$300.

The additional vehicle will be rotated in the fleet to help keep mileage down on other cruisers.