

Report to / Rapport au:

**OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD
LA COMMISSION DE SERVICES POLICIERS D'OTTAWA**

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**SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO INQUIRY I-20-05 - PROTOCOLS USED BY THE OPS
TO GET RID OF OLD POLICE CRUISERS**

**OBJET: RÉPONSE À LA DEMANDE DE RENSEIGNEMENTS I-20-05 -
PROTOCOLES UTILISÉS PAR LE SPO POUR SE DÉBARRASSER
DES VIEILLES VOITURES DE PATROUILLE**

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Ottawa Police Services Board receives this report for information.

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

**Que la Commission de services policiers d'Ottawa prenne connaissance du
présent rapport à titre d'information.**

INQUIRY

What are the protocols the OPS follows to get rid of police cruisers and whether, once discarded, they could be outfitted to resemble a police cruiser.

RESPONSE

The Ottawa Police Service (OPS) takes several security and precautionary measures to ensure that police vehicles and equipment are decommissioned or repurposed in an appropriate manner. This response details those steps.

Once an OPS vehicle has reached the end of its life cycle, it is removed from service and brought to 474 Elgin Street to remove all accessories and components – and anything else added by the OPS after it was delivered by the manufacturer. All of the items removed are then sent to be refurbished for future use.

After this process is completed, a vehicle decommission sheet is reviewed to ensure all OPS-related items have been removed; like licence plates, fuel fobs and all OPS decals. Decals are removed by applying heat which renders them unusable. This sheet is completed by the Fleet attendant and reviewed by the supervisor and kept on file.

The vehicle is then shipped to auction for sale, and the cheque with the buyer's information is sent back to the OPS. All police pursuit vehicles are special-ordered and not available from dealer lots. These police-rated vehicles come with spotlights and special suspension, and need to be ordered well in advance for operational deployment.

Any vehicle involved in an accident, and not expected to be resold for value, will be stripped of parts for future use by the OPS. Items like light bars are taken apart to use as replacement parts at a later date. Any salvaged items from vehicles -- like MDT metal mounts, partitions, damaged rims, doors or accessories -- that are not useful to keep for future use, are sold to a scrap metal dealer.

At no point are any OPS Fleet-related items sold directly to the public.