



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Mifflin Police Department adds cruisers with a 'boost'**

The Mifflin Township Police Department added two new sport utility cruisers to its fleet in March. The 2013 Ford utility police interceptor package vehicles have fuel-efficient V6 engines with a boost, more durable brakes, enhanced electrical systems and all-wheel drive.

Acting Police Chief William Price conceptualized and designed the new Mifflin cruisers. He researched and found the [2013 Police Vehicle Evaluation](#) by the Michigan State Police before selecting the Ford utility. The traditional Ford Crown Victoria sedan cruisers are no longer in production and are being replaced by the more compact Taurus. The township has owned Dodge Charger police package sedans and Ford Explorer utilities.

"I took it on an emergency response for the first time yesterday, and was pleasantly surprised by its performance," Price said. "It'll giddy up and go."

More space for equipment, prisoners and officers is just one of the many advantages of the utility cruisers which replaced the township's totaled 2010 Dodge Charger and a 2007 Dodge Charger with more than 100,000 miles. Mifflin Township soon will have the used Dodge Charger approved by the trustees as surplus and list it for sale on a link to GovDeals.com at [www.mifftwp.org](http://www.mifftwp.org).

Sharon Township Chief of Police Donald Schwind said his department has had sport utility vehicles since 2003 and recently purchased five new 2013 Ford police interceptors. He said the cost to operate the SUVs is comparable to sedans, but there are many benefits to the new SUVs. The 2013 Ford utilities get the same gas mileage, tires and brakes last twice as long, and officers can get places with four-wheel drive sedans cannot.

"I think the trend is you are going to see agencies buying more and more utilities. They are operated just as safely as sedans," Schwind said. "I'm biased toward SUVs because they have served us so well."

The Mifflin Township Police Department, 2455 Agler Road, patrols the unincorporated area of the township — approximately 3.9 square miles or 13.95 road miles — and has a population of less than 5,000. The police department has eight full-time officers who maintain 24-hour police protection and a police fleet consisting of five marked and two unmarked cruisers.

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