

Placer County sheriff phasing in Chevy Tahoe as new patrol vehicle

The Placer County Sheriff's Office has started to phase in a new vehicle, the Chevy Tahoe two-wheel drive SUV. Sheriff's officials selected the Tahoe when Ford announced it would no longer manufacture the department's current patrol car, the Crown Victoria.

The sheriff's office evaluated the Chevy Tahoe, as well as available Ford and Chrysler products, and chose the Tahoe for the price, larger cargo area and its suitability for the county's varied terrain. The Tahoes are lower priced than the Crown Vics; they were purchased for \$26,209 versus \$28,348 for the Ford vehicles.

The new patrol SUV's also sport a new striping and lettering package. The reflective green stripe and gold lettering stand out from hundreds of yards away on the street.