



# Village of Ida

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## **Ida Police Department**

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The Honorable Chris Kracman

Dear Commissioner Kracman

On behalf of the Ida Police Department, I am writing to respectfully request your support in securing funding in the amount of \$55,000.00 for the purchase of essential police equipment necessary to ensure the continued safety and effectiveness of our officers and the community we serve.

As demands on our department continue to grow, our current equipment is aging and insufficient to meet modern policing standards. We are in urgent need of updated in-car camera and body camera system, protective gear ( Ballistic Vest), less lethal equipment ( Taser, Bolo wrap and patrol vehicle to respond effectively to emergencies and to enhance officer and public safety. Additional equipment would include vehicle lighting, protective screen in vehicle and radar / lidar.

Your continued commitment to public safety and support for law enforcement is greatly appreciated. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further and provide any additional information needed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,  
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