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New Police Units to roll out soon

The Shreveport Police Department's fleet will soon be sporting 90 shiny new vehicles with a fresh new look thanks to Mayor Ollie Tyler, the Shreveport City Council and the citizens of Shreveport.

The new police cruisers will be hitting the streets over the next few months with brand new graphics to match. The 2016 Ford Interceptor SUVs were purchased by the department as part of a \$3.5 million equipment financing package approved by Mayor Tyler and the Council back in 2015. The units cost \$26,000 each and require another \$14,000 worth of equipment to be installed before they are ready to be pressed into service. Equipping the vehicles is a tremendous undertaking and entails the installation of emergency lights, sirens, cameras, DVRs, consoles, partitions, prisoner transport seats, power supplies, shut-down timers, radios, modems and laptop computers. The new graphic decals must be applied as well.

When the new vehicles were initially purchased the department estimated the first street ready units would be in service by the end of August. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the police department's Care Care and Technical Services staff, many of whom have been working six and seven days a week, the process is ahead of schedule and the citizens of Shreveport should see these new units patrolling their streets in the next two weeks.

These new units represent an important addition to shore up the department's aging fleet of marked police units. The last substantive purchase of police vehicles was made in 2012 when the department purchased 60 marked units.

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