



## INTER-DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

**TO:** Aaron Sanchez - Division Chief of Patrol

**FROM:** Marie Dabis - Director of Community Engagement

**DATE:** April 22, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Donation of the 1978 Nova to the Denver Police Museum

Dear Chief Sanchez,

I respectfully request your approval to donate the 1978 Chevrolet NOVA Show Car—currently housed and maintained by the Denver Police Department—to the Denver Police Museum. This vehicle holds historical and sentimental value, and has long served as an effective community outreach tool. However, due to increasing maintenance needs and rising costs, we believe the NOVA would be better preserved and more effectively utilized under the care of the Denver Police Museum.

Maintaining this vintage vehicle has become an increasing burden on DPD's garage. The cost of repairs, limited availability of parts, and ongoing upkeep requirements are difficult to justify—especially as we continue to prioritize operational readiness across our active fleet. Notably, the Denver Police Museum has already contributed more than \$3,000 toward the maintenance of the NOVA and has expressed strong interest in assuming full ownership. They are well-positioned to manage the vehicle's long-term care, preservation, and continued use at community events.

### Benefits of the Donation:

- **Continued Community Engagement:** The NOVA will remain active at public events, continuing to foster positive connections between officers and the community.
- **Historical Preservation:** The vehicle will be properly maintained as an important artifact of DPD's legacy.
- **Cost Savings for DPD:** Transferring ownership alleviates the department's financial and logistical responsibilities associated with maintaining a vintage vehicle.
- **Expanded Outreach Opportunities:** The Museum's network of resources and partners may allow the vehicle to appear at more educational and public events.


Donating the NOVA to the Denver Police Museum aligns with our shared goals of honoring the history of the Denver Police Department while continuing to build trust through meaningful outreach. The Museum, a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is dedicated to strengthening community understanding, educating youth, and promoting social impact by building bridges between community members and law enforcement. Under their stewardship, the NOVA will continue to serve and inspire—just as it has in our care.

I've attached the Ordinance Request form, which will require approval from both City Council and the Mayor. I've already received verbal support from the Denver Police Garage, General Services, and Chief Thomas.

Thank you for your consideration.

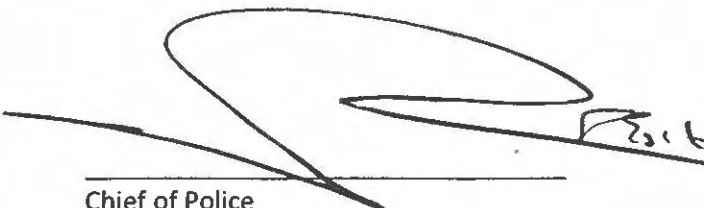
Respectfully,

Marie Dabis

  
Division Chief of Patrol

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Chief of Police

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