

New Ford Police Utility receives hybrid option

The 2025 Ford Police Interceptor Utility (PIU) now includes a hybrid powertrain option, which can help save on fuel expenses due to unnecessary idle times, powering onboard equipment even when the engine is off, contributing to an estimated potential savings of up to 838 gallons of fuel per year, for projected cost reductions of about \$17,500 over six-year ownership with gas at \$3.50 per gallon.

Departments can now choose from three powertrain options:

- 3.3L direct-injected V6 w hybrid system (AWD): 318 hp and 322 lb-ft
- 3.3L V6 gasoline engine (AWD): 285 hp and 260 lb-ft of torque
- 3.0L V6 EcoBoost engine (AWD): 400 hp and 415 lb-ft of torque.

The 2025 Ford PIU comes standard with additional features designed to help ensure officer safety and productivity. The Police Perimeter Alert system detects moving threats around the vehicle, automatically activating the rear camera, sounding a chime, rolling up windows and locking the doors, so officers can monitor their surroundings and complete tasks inside the vehicle. If officers must exit the vehicle quickly, Police Engine Idle lets them lock the vehicle and take the keys, but with the engine still running to power onboard equipment.

Available ballistic panels for front doors provide level III+ or IV+ protection. Level III+ can help resist many handgun and non-armor-piercing bullets up to .30 caliber, while level IV+ panels provide protection against up to .30-caliber armor-piercing rifle ammunition.

Additional features and technologies include:

- Manual Police Pursuit Mode with a steering wheel activation button, so officers can easily put the vehicle into a high-performance tuning configuration without taking their hands off the wheel
- Police Dark Car feature to help remain discreet during stakeout
- Four remappable switches integrated into the steering wheel to connect the driver with installed equipment to control lights, sirens, speakers, K9 door releases and other police applications
- Police Accessory Independent Timed-Release Output (PAITRO), a two-part security system for the cargo area, with a front seat overhead release button allowing 45 seconds to walk to the liftgate and press a second button to make it open, preventing unauthorized access and maintaining the security of the rear cargo area
- Available lockable vault for convenient storage of weapons, ammunition or critical evidence
- New standard 12.3-inch LCD digital instrument cluster with certified speedometer for clearer information display
- Ford Pro Vehicle Integration System 2.0 for easier customization; and advanced over-the-air capabilities for seamless updates
- A Ford modem, with the option to subscribe to Ford Pro Telematics, for real-time vehicle data on performance and service needs to help fleet managers plan maintenance, increasing uptime

The Ford PIU was designed and tested to pass Ford 75-mph rear impact crash test benchmarks to help keep officers safe out on the highways, earning the vehicle's pursuit-rated, pursuit-tested distinction.

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