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Ms. Wanda Greene, County Manager
Buncombe County Administration
205 College Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Dear Wanda:

Thank you for your time on the phone yesterday. The Town of Black Mountain is currently in a dilemma with regard to police patrol vehicles, having recently experienced unexpected multiple equipment failures, with no back-up in an already tight budgetary environment, and a year in which we have been forced to address the temporary economic downturn with severe restrictions on our operating budget.

A recent conversation between Chief Pressley and Sheriff Duncan/Major Bissinger indicated that the County may soon have available a routinely surplused patrol vehicle, which I hope you and your board might consider transferring to our fleet. While this will not fully solve our equipment issues, it would go a long way toward helping us resolve the problem in the short-term.

We continue to value our partnerships with the County, particularly with regard to our joint law enforcement activities in Animal Control, BCAT and routine patrol back-up. I would certainly appreciate any consideration you and your board might give in this matter.

Sincerely,

Marcy Onieal
Town Manager

Cc: Sheriff Van Duncan
Major Scott Bissinger
Chief Kevin Pressley