

## Noble Police Driving Forward

The Noble Police Department has recently acquired four new 2013 Dodge Chargers. The 2013 Dodge Chargers were acquired through a state contract lease/purchase agreement and the department will own them outright after four years. A cost analysis showed leasing four brand new vehicles with new car warranties would extend the life of the vehicles and therefore their use in the community.

Each officer driving the new cars has gone through vehicle and equipment training. They came with radar, lights, sirens and prisoner partitions and were fitted with decals and radios after delivery. Chief Springstead said he hopes to take this lease/purchase model forward so fleet management can rotate new vehicles in while maintaining older ones. He said he appreciates the support in acquiring the new squad cars.

“I appreciate the mayor, council and the City Manager for their continual support for public safety and sharing our vision of providing big town service with the small town neighborhood atmosphere,” Chief Springstead said, adding that he feels fortunate that they bought into his vision on how to run the department. He acknowledged that any chief who has that support and freedom to move a department in a certain direction is fortunate.

By working together and building the fleet over the next several years, Chief Springstead said he hopes to have a car for every officer. He said everyone is always on call and by each officer having his or her own vehicle, it saves time when called back for an emergency, not to mention having a visual police presence in the community.

Each officer is responsible for maintaining and keeping his or her own squad car clean, which Chief Springstead said he feels helps officers take pride in their vehicles so they last longer.

