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June 2, 2023

Honorable City Council  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Dear Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from June 30, 2022 Certified Free Cash, to Acct # 0121026-585010 Automobiles & Light Trucks.

As you will see in the attached request from Chief Gentile, these funds will be used to replace the Fire Department's 1989 Emergency Response Unit which has reached the end of its useful life.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ruthanne Fuller".

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor



**CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS**  
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Mayor Fuller

I am respectfully requesting to docket funding of \$300,000 dollars to purchase a replacement for our Emergency Response Unit (ERU). Our current ERU is a 1989 Chevrolet delivery truck. This 34-year-old vehicle has now past it's useful life for the Department and it is becoming extremely challenging to keep safely on the road. Although this item is scheduled in our CIP for replacement in fiscal year 2026, I feel it is important to fund the replacement as soon as possible.

The ERU is responsible for transporting equipment and supplies to larger emergencies such as fires, hazardous materials incidents and technical rescues. This vehicle is not staffed 24/7 like some of our other engines and ladders, but rather is a means of transporting equipment to support our members on scene of these emergencies. This funding would also allow us to replace equipment on our current ERU that has gone beyond its useful lifespan.

Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Greg Gentile  
Chief of Department

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Gentile", written over the typed name and title.