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### **CITY OF BEACON ADDS FIRST ELECTRIC VEHICLE TO POLICE DEPARTMENT; ADVANCES IMPLEMENTATION OF “GREEN FLEET” POLICY**

**BEACON, NY** – Mayor Lee Kyriacou announced that the Beacon Police Department recently put into service the City’s first all-electric vehicle (EV). The new Ford Mach-E will be used in the Detective Bureau and adds to the Department’s growing number of “green” vehicles, which include two hybrid patrol vehicles and one plug-in hybrid detective car. Mayor Kyriacou noted, “When I took office two years ago, I set a goal for the City of Beacon to become the most sustainable community in the Hudson Valley. With the ongoing support of the City Council, we have taken further strides towards achieving this goal and will continue to advance initiatives like the City’s Green Fleet Policy.”

The new EV was funded by the New York State Energy Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) through multiple grant awards under the Clean Energy Communities Program. Detective Sergeant Jason Johnson worked together with the City’s Climate Smart Coordinator, Faye Leone, to secure and implement the grant and to select an appropriate vehicle that could withstand the rigorous demands of Police vehicle usage, including carrying heavy equipment, providing an adequate range of travel, and having available local servicing and repair options.

The Police Department’s use of green vehicles has demonstrated that more environmentally-friendly patrol and detective vehicles can successfully meet the needs of the Department’s operations. In doing so, the Department has paved the way for wider adoption of electric and hybrid vehicles throughout the City’s other departments in the years to come. Johnson said, “Electric vehicles are the way of the future, and the City of Beacon Police Department is taking steps to do our part in reducing the environmental impacts of our operations while saving taxpayers the escalating cost of fuel.”

Leone added that, “Police vehicles are some of Beacon’s most intensively and frequently used vehicles in the City’s fleet. Replacing gas-powered cars with electric and hybrid models reduces the City’s overall greenhouse gas emissions and the resulting local air pollution that affects public health.”

Kyriacou also highlighted that the City Council passed a five-year Capital Program that included additional EV and hybrid vehicles for the Police Department in the coming years. The City’s Recreation Department has also moved to the use of a hybrid vehicle, and the City’s departments now must consider “green” alternatives for all future vehicle purchases. The City’s Green Fleet and Equipment Policy recognizes the value of increasing vehicle efficiency, improving local air quality, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

PHOTO OF GREEN POLICE VEHICLES BELOW

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Pictured (L to R): Lt. Jason Walden, Chief Sands Frost, Detective Sergeant Jason Johnson, and Climate Smart Coordinator Faye Leone.