

Push bumpers

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# What is a push bumper?

- Battering ram on a police car
- Common in Sioux Falls PD
- Not common for Minnehaha county sheriff







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# Purpose

- Protects patrol car while pushing another vehicle
- Protection in case of deer collision
- Rarely (if ever) used

# Minor concerns

- Purchase expense
- More weight
- Reduced mileage
- Increased maintenance costs



# Major problems

- Modern vehicles designed to crumple on impact
- Crumpling makes accidents safer
- Ram makes accidents more destructive, costly
- Increased risk of death during accident
- Death to pedestrian, bicyclist, motorcyclist, motorist
- “in 2000 they caused 2,000 deaths 18,000 serious accidents per year in Europe” [Wikipedia]



# Motivation

- “Protect vehicles”
- Police culture of aggression, dominance
- Militarization of police

# Summary

- Not cost effective
- Increased cost, risk
- Not good for the city, the people



# Recommendation

- As usual, reform needed
- As usual, you can help
- Amend city budget – no more push bumpers
- Amend budget – remove push bumpers