



## **Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release**

### **Town of Vienna Police Install “The Rumbler” in Test Cruiser**



The Town of Vienna Police Department has installed a new attention getting device in one of their marked police cruisers. In addition to the typical lights and sirens found on most area police vehicles, The Rumbler gains the attention of individuals by using low frequency sound waves which rumble in a fashion similar to a home theater sub-woofer.

The device is manufactured by Federal Signal Corporation and the Vienna Police have obtained one to test and evaluate. The device is installed on one cruiser within the current fleet of police vehicles. Officers are using the device and providing feedback to commanders about it's usefulness in increasing safety for both the officers and the general public.

Currently, when the typical lights and siren are activated on a police cruiser, individuals in the area see the lights and hear the audible tones of the siren. At times it becomes difficult to have individuals notice an emergency vehicle depending on current interior noise volumes, driver attention levels, and any other intervening distractions. When the lights and sirens are used in conjunction with The Rumbler, individuals operating vehicles or standing nearby will actually feel a vibrating sensation about their body. This will cause people to become more alert and look around; thereby increasing the safety factor associated with alerting traffic and pedestrians to an approaching emergency vehicle.

The unit sells for approximately \$350.00 each and can be installed by Town of Vienna mechanics. The unit is available for demonstration by appointment for those interested in experiencing the effectiveness of the system. Please contact MPO Bill Murray at [wmurray@viennava.gov](mailto:wmurray@viennava.gov) to schedule a date and time.

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