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## NEWS RELEASE

(Grand Junction, CO)- The City of Grand Junction is announcing the intergovernmental transfer of four used police patrol cars to Mesa State College to be used in the Western Colorado Peace Officers Academy. All four cars are equipped with light bars and sirens. Usually these types of vehicles are either auctioned or traded in for a new unit.

The Grand Junction Police Department is a big supporter of the Western Colorado Peace Officers Academy because of the hands-on, interactive training the cadets receive. The GJPD feels it is imperative for the cadets to have adequate equipment to use not only while completing the 44 hours of driving instruction required to receive certification, but also while learning patrol tactics, and how to perform traffic stops and high risk stops. This intergovernmental transfer will not only benefit Mesa State College, but also the GJPD, and ultimately the people in our community.

Background:

The Western Colorado Peace Officers Academy was started in April 2007 and is run through Western Colorado Community College. It was the result of a partnership among area law enforcement agencies, Mesa State College, and WCCC. The fourth class of that program is currently in progress. To date, 15 current GJPD officers have graduated from the program. Since it started, the academy has helped the GJPD maintain proper staffing levels by being able to hire people from our local community.

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