



# MEDIA RELEASE

## HAMLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

<b>Incident Code:</b>	Hamlin County Donates Retired Vehicle to School		
<b>Date of Call:</b>	Sunday, May 17, 2026		
<b>Time of Call:</b>	11:42am CDT		
<b>Location:</b>	Hamlin Education Center		
<b>Details:</b>			
<p>HAMLIN COUNTY, S.D. – Students in the Automotive Department at the Hamlin Education Center will soon have a new hands-on learning opportunity thanks to a vehicle donation from the Hamlin County Sheriff's Office.</p> <p>Hamlin County Sheriff Chad Schlotterbeck recently delivered a retired 2014 Dodge Charger patrol vehicle to the school's Career and Technical Education (CTE) program during the last week of school. Earlier this year, the Hamlin County Commissioners approved declaring the vehicle surplus and donating it to the school for educational purposes.</p> <p>The Dodge Charger had served as a patrol vehicle for the sheriff's office and accumulated more than 240,000 miles during its service to the county. The vehicle will now be used by students in the automotive program for educational projects and hands-on training opportunities.</p> <p>Before the vehicle was delivered to the school, a partnership between Guardian Fleet Safety and Sheriff Schlotterbeck helped prepare the vehicle for its new purpose. Law enforcement equipment, including emergency lighting, radios, computers, and safety cages, was removed from the vehicle at no cost to either the county or the school. Guardian Fleet Safety, based in Clear Lake, Minnesota, has worked with the Hamlin County Sheriff's Office for the past several years, installing law enforcement equipment in patrol vehicles.</p> <p>Sheriff Schlotterbeck said the donation allows the retired vehicle to continue serving the community in a new way by helping students gain valuable automotive and technical experience. Without the county commissioners' approval and the partnership of Guardian Fleet Safety, this project could not have been a reality.</p>			
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