

Police Testing Way To Fight Crime, Save Gas

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Columbus Division of Police is testing two T3 electric vehicles this week in hopes of going green and saving gas money.

The T3 motion vehicle, which operates on two batteries, glides, rides and even spins, 10TV's Angela An reported.

At top speeds of 22 mph, the T3 is the latest way the force is looking to save thousands of dollars in gasoline.

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"If we can replace some cruisers and take those big V-8 engines out of service - a couple a day or more - we could save a lot of money," said Commander Jeff Blackwell of the police department's strategic response bureau.

According to Blackwell, the vehicles could work in some of the city's smaller precincts like in downtown and the Short North.

"(The vehicle) could sneak up on someone and you don't even know he's coming," said Bernadette Miller, who works downtown. "I think it's awesome."

Police think the vehicle makes officers more approachable compared to a cruiser.

"They share information and that increases the relationships that officers have with people in their district and helps us solve crime," Blackwell said.

"I'd like to have one myself, with the way gas prices are but that's another subject," said Judith Moore, a downtown worker.

If the T3 tests well in the next month, you could see them cruising down Columbus streets soon, An reported.

Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans and Tampa are already using T3s.

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