Funding for much of these vehicle purchases is coming from the DOJ Coronavirus Supplemental Funding Grant. According to the DOJ, this grant is meant to “provide funding to assist in preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus.” I don’t believe buying 3 new police cars is the intended purpose of this funding. This money could be spent in a multitude of ways to better benefit the community. Such as buying PPE so our doctors and nurses can effectively treat COVID-19 patients without putting themselves at risk, or helping to pay the medical bills for people who cannot afford the medical care required due to COVID19. If we want our community to be safer and healthier we have to make sure everyone has access to the medical care they need without fearing the financial burden. Money allocated to RCPD could be better spent supporting non-militarized organizations that have staff better suited to dealing with public health issues.