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TeamGM Cares volunteers recently planted urban gardens in Detroit.

## **TeamGM Cares Week Help Neighborhood Projects**

by Jim Stickford

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ton Township.

GM is getting ready to launch its annual teamGM Cares Week, an event that lets the company and its employees give back to the communities that are home to GM facilities. This year's event takes place during the week of Sept. 16.

This is our seventh teamGM Cares week, my fifth managing it,"

MCC's Culinary Institute is

hosting Oktoberfest, Saturday,

Sept. 28, 6:30 – 10 p.m., at the

Lorenzo Cultural Center on the

college's Center Campus in Clin-

The event will feature German-

style hors d'oeuvres and a din-

ner buffet, prepared by culinary

institute faculty and students,

along with an open beer and

wine bar. Entertainment will be

provided by the Bavarian band

Siasswasser Tanzlmusi, playing

The cost for the event is \$45

traditional alpine folk music.

said Sean O'Sullivan, teamGM Cares Program officer. "The idea is that for a week GM employee volunteers make a concentrated effort to help out their local communities. We do this on a national level. This year we have teamGM Cares projects taking place in eight states, including Michigan, Georgia, Illinois, Missouri, Indiana

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# **Oktoberfest Coming Soon**

There's going to be some fun per individual or \$85 per couple, this October at Macomb Commu-said Sean Patrick, manager of said Sean Patrick, manager of

Media Relations at MCC. Tables of 10 are available for \$425. Event proceeds will support Macomb Culinary Institute activities and programs, including competing in the IKA Culinary Olympics, which will be held in Stuttgart, Germany, in February 2020.

MCC's culinary program is accredited by the American Clunary Federation Education Foundation, Patrick said. To make a reservation go to tinyurl.com/ 2019oktoberfest to make reservations, Patrick said. Tickets will not be available at the door.

**Jeep Employees Proud of Gladiator Work** Jeep is proud of the new 2020 Gladiator, and Jeep employees are proud to be able to build the new pickup truck and carry on a tradition that extends back more than 75 years.

Building the new 2020 Jeep Gladiator continues a decadeslong, interconnected relationship between the city of Toledo and the Jeep brand, said Edward Cardenas, FCA multimedia editor.

For nearly 80 years, Jeeps have been built in Toledo, and that's a point of pride for the women and men who build the Gladiator in the south plant of the Toledo Assembly Complex, Cardenas said.

"While these skilled workers have worked for FCA for anywhere from a few years to a few decades, they all have an appreciation for their place in the long history with the Jeep brand

built in the north plant, before moving to the Gladiator decking area."

"I get to say I am part of it," Simpson said. "Going through this whole process is just a dream come true for me.

Michael Carroll has been with Jeep for six years and is impressed with the new Gladiator.

"It's one of the best vehicles I've seen in a long time with all the different options that are available," Carroll said. "This is the only truck that you are ever going to find with a top that comes off, doors that can be removed and a windshield you can drop down to experience all the freedom of a topless truck.'



# Ford Volunteers Clean Up Communities

Company employees are joining community service projects in 34 countries this month to make people's lives better during Ford Global Caring Month, the signature annual event of the Ford Volunteer Corps.

Examples of the work include a

More than 5,000 Ford Motor project in the Philippines to construct a communal water facility in two villages, said Ford spokeswoman Stafanie Dunham. Currently, some residents travel one hour each day for water because their homes lack a piped-in supply. The volunteers will clear the ground, bring in construction

materials, lay the necessary blocks and tiles and install a concrete floor.

In Brazil, Ford volunteers will help setup a mother's workshop to train women to earn income as seamstresses and start their

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**GM is UAW Strike Target** 

by TOM KRISHER AP Auto Writer

Auto Workers union has picked U.S. factories that are mainly in General Motors as the target the South.

in profits and workers want a bigger slice. The companies, though, want to get closer to par-DETROIT (AP) - The United ity with foreign automakers with

company for this year's contract talks with Detroit's three automakers.

The move announced Sept. 3 means that GM will be the focus of bargaining, and any deal with the company will set the pattern for Ford and Fiat Chrysler. It also means that if the union decides to go on strike, it will be against GM.

Contracts between the union representing about 152,000 workers and GM, Ford and Fiat Chrysler expire at 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 14.

Earlier Sept. 3 the union announced that over 96 of its members voted to authorize strikes against the companies.

The strike authorization vote is a normal part of the bargaining process, and it doesn't mean that there will be a work stoppage. But tensions are high in contract talks this year because the automakers are making billions

In a statement, the union said 96.4 percent of workers at General Motors voted to authorize a

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and Toledo," Cardenas said "This is true for Codey Simpson who was born and raised in the Toledo area. He initially worked on the Jeep Wrangler, which is





FCA employees on the line work to build new Gladiator pickup trucks.

# **Ford Police Hybrids Save Taxpayers Cash on Fuel**

When thinking of hybrid car said engines, most people don't think of them as ways to save taxpayers' money. But that's the case with the 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Utility.

Already America's best-selling police vehicle, the Ford Police Interceptor Utility is capturing the attention of law enforcement agencies for a new reason – the 2020 model is the first-ever pursuit-rated police utility vehicle with a standard hybrid engine,

Ford spokeswoman Michaela Johndrow.

Orders for the Ford Police Interceptor Utility Hybrid are piling up. Agencies in cities such as San Diego, Columbus, Ohio, and Madison, Wisc., have committed to adding hybrids to their law enforcement fleets, Johndrow said.

So far, these police agencies have ordered more than 2,600 units equipped with the vehicle's

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Ford's hybrid police interceptor have been ordered by police units.

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#### TeamGM Cares Projects Start This Month

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and Texas. We are also working in the Canadian province of Ontario."

While the teamGM Cares program has a special week of activities, it operates year round.

"In any given year, we start planning between the months of January and April," O'Sullivan said. "After that it's off to the races and we go off ripping and roaring."

Some teamGM Cares activities that have taken place earlier this year include volunteers from the Detroit area helping clean up the Cody neighborhood in Detroit in July.

"We helped clean up five elementary schools as well as a high school," O'Sullivan said. "We also boarded up abandoned buildings and planted urban gardens. Being able to do things like that is very satisfying."

TeamGM Cares just doesn't pick any charity to help, O'Sullivan said.

"We pick organizations that focus on areas we want to help," O'Sullivan said. "The non-profits we help focus on things like education and improving the quality of life of people in the community."

So team GM Cares like to groups like Focus:HOPE, O'Sullivan said.

"They do a great job working with residents to improve their lives," O'Sullivan said.

Khristi Miller, volunteer manger for Focus:HOPE, said that this year teamGM Cares volunteers will come on Sept. 17 and Sept. 20 to help pack food packages for Focus:HOPE's food program.

"Every month we provide 41,000 meals to seniors," Miller said. "Of those 41,000 meals, 13,000 go to homebound people. When I talk with GM volunteers, I can tell they're happy to be able to do something that helps people, and not just have busy work to do."

### Ford Volunteers Give Time, Effort to Help Communities

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own businesses. Such projects provide employees a way to combine their personal interest in community service with their careers.

"This is an opportunity for professional and personal growth," said Emanuela Silva, analyst, Ford Human Resources in Brazil. "I have always been involved with volunteer work, and it is great to work at a company where a life goal of helping others is fulfilled through company initiatives."

In Germany, Ford employees will continue a project to help care for refugee children. By supporting refugee integration in the Cologne area, volunteers will introduce a sports program for children who are disadvantaged or living in refugee homes to help them make friends and build confidence, Dunham said.

In the United Arab Emirates Ford volunteers will build toys for homeless refugee children.

"The handmade toys from Ford employees will be sent to the children to put a smile on their face and not lose hope of a better future." said Zeek Ainabe, Ford volunteer, Government and Community Relations, UAE. "Ford Global Caring Month is a great opportunity for employees to come together and work as a team to serve humanity for its greater good."

In Mexico, 250 Ford volunteers are building a dining room and

playground at a home for homeless and abused children, Dunham said. The project will provide the kids with a protective environment to restore their physical and emotional well-being, resume their schooling and play with other children.

"I love helping people," said Berenice Perez aguilar, Ford volunteer and Communications Coach, Ford of Mexico. "For me, it is important that we multiply our efforts and make these children have a better education, life and social quality."

"Ford volunteers play a vital role in demonstrating Ford's commitment to become the world's most trusted company," said Todd Nissen, director, Ford Volunteer Corps. Ford employees in at least 10 states will also participate in a wide variety of Ford Global Caring Month activities.

The Ford Volunteer Corps is the heart of a global network that enlists tens of thousands of employees annually. Ford Global Caring Month is the largest concentration of Ford employees performing service work in the community, but Ford volunteers are engaged year round at food banks, care facilities and schools.

Since its launch in 2005 by Executive Chairman Bill Ford, the Ford Volunteer Corps has contributed 1.7 million hours of community service in 50 countries, representing nearly \$45 million of in-kind community investments.

#### Ford Transit Van Helping Businesses Go Meet the Public

As the saying goes, if you get a person to go to the mountain, bring the mountain to that person. differences, we're seeking a more meaningful connection with brands – one that turns

Which is which is what owners of the new Ford Transit van are doing, said Ford spokeswoman Elizabeth Kraft.

Take for example, Steve McBride, executive director of Pewabic Pottery in Detroit.

He said that he knew the future success of this historic business couldn't rely on foot traffic alone, Kraft said.

To find new ways to engage with the community and increase awareness of its business, owners of the 116-year-old ceramic studio and school purchased a Ford Transit and created a traveling exhibition space with portable ceramic firing kilns that allows the artists to bring the Pewabic experience to community festivals and schools.

"This is something we'd been thinking about doing for almost 30 years," said McBride. "We knew we needed to customize the interior of the van to reflect our history while also creating a new kind of experience. We wanted it to be easy for people to walk through, so Ford's option for a high roof and easy upfitting made choosing a Transit a nobrainer."

Pewabic and its Street Team is just one example of a trend being embraced by small businesses and entrepreneurs – mobile operations, Kraft said.

With consumers increasingly valuing scarce free time and commercial real estate pricing up six percent year-over-year, according to Real Capital Analytics, savvy merchants have discovered that people want the retail and service industries to come to them.

"This trend sits right at the intersection of craft and convenience," said Sheryl Connelly, Ford chief futurist. "Clicking a button and getting something shipped to you is something we're used to, but now we're quickly moving into 'Click a button, get a service or get a custom experience.' ing and toward personalized retail experiences, we're seeking a more meaningful connection with brands – one that turns commonplace transactions into memorable moments. So being able to build out a van to suit that experience is a new way to imagine a brand."

Businesses are choosing fullsize vans to grow their companies rather than investing in stationary brick and mortar locations, Connelly said.

Understanding these new trends and how customers will use their vehicles is part of why Ford has been America's best-selling commercial van brand for 40 years. Year-over-year, sales of Transit are up 1.9 percent, and that jumps to 5.3 percent for fleets in the one-to-five-vehicle range.

"This is a segment we've been watching for some time," said Tiffany Chang, Ford Transit marketing manager. "This segment is where customers hustle and where entrepreneurs are most creative."

Mobile operations provide flexibility for business owners to set up shop near corporate of-



McBride uses this Transit van as part of a traveling exhibition.

fices, in bustling downtown locations and at festivals and events near school campuses, Connelly said. Several steps are removed from the purchase process, allowing consumers almost instant access to goods and services.

"A lot of our customers can't bring a bicycle in or just appreciate the convenience of service and sales at home," said Denise West, co-owner of Sarasota Pop-Cycles. "Having a van lets us take

care of our customers better. Plus, because of the big ad space it offers we reach new people when we're on a run. A neighbor sees the van and calls us to schedule service of their own."

This effort pays off. According to an Out Of Home Advertising Association of America study performed in 2019, 64 percent of residents age 16 or older surveyed noticed a wrapped vehicle ad within the past month.



"We all saw this start with the food truck trend, but as we shift away from commodity purchas-



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# **GM Looks to Google to Improve Connectivity Technology**

Building on nearly 25 years of connectivity leadership, General Motors will be introducing new in-vehicle technology that will enhance the overall customer experience and make it easier than ever for customers to bring their digital lives into future connected vehicles.

GM's research shows that many customers prefer an embedded technology experience in the vehicle, and increasingly expect seamless integration between the tech in their hands and the tech in their vehicle, said General Motors spokeswoman Katie Downey.

Listening to customer feedback, GM will work with Google to bring new options for a voice assistant, embedded navigation and in-vehicle applications to compatible Chevrolet, Buick, GMC and Cadillac vehicles in regions around the world beginning in 2021.

Broad deployment across all GM vehicle brands is expected to roll out in the years following, Downey said.

"We are re-envisioning the future in-vehicle customer experience, and this is just the first step. The integration of select Google technology and services into our vehicle infotainment systems will foster a more connected and efficient driving experience," said Santiago Chamorro, vice president for Global Connected Customer Experience, GM. "We will continue to offer

our own unique infotainment features that only GM can deliver, such as service recommendations, vehicle health status, in-vehicle commerce and more, with the Google applications and services complementing our offerings.

Future GM infotainment systems will continue to be powered by Android, which enables GM to bring familiar and enhanced experiences from Google to the vehicle, Downey said.

Among the services are Voice Assistant.

With the built-in Google Assistant, drivers will be able to make the most of their driving time in the vehicle and easily get things done hands-free using just their voice

Drivers can use the Assistant to make calls or text a friend. play a favorite radio station or podcast, close the garage door (requires compatible smart home devices) or even change the temperature in the vehicle, all while keeping their eyes on the road and their hands on the wheel.

The Assistant integration will continue to evolve over time, so that drivers in the future will be able to simply use their voice to engage with their vehicle, which could include renewing their On-Star or Connected Services plans, checking on their tire pressure, scheduling service and more. Downey said.

Downy said.

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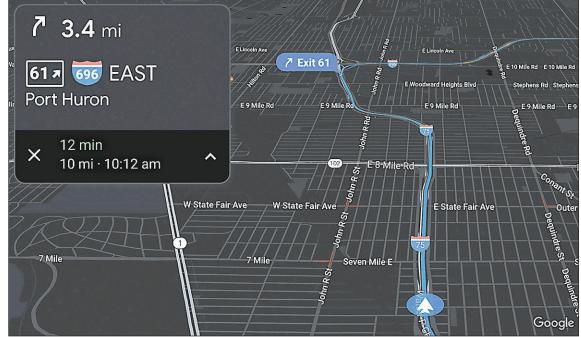
tions (based on availability) or

ask about a store's hours without

Applications. The Google Play

Another service is In-Vehicle

There is also Embedded Navi-



Google Maps will be integrated into GM Infotainment in 2021, making the system easier to use by drivers.

gation. Google Maps in the vehi-Store lets drivers find their favorite apps and services decle is constantly up-to-date and signed specifically for in-vehicle helps drivers navigate with realtime traffic information, automatuse. Drivers can listen to the ic re-routing and lane guidance, same albums, podcasts and audiobooks in the vehicle as at With the Assistant, drivers can home and stay connected with use voice to navigate home. their most important contacts on share their ETA, find the nearest communication apps, Downey gas station and EV charging stasaid.

"GM is a trailblazer with Android in automotive and a leader in vehicle connectivity," said Patrick Brady, vice president of Engineering, Google.

"We're incredibly excited to work with them to transform the way people consume media, stay in touch, navigate and access information on the go."

While using Google applications and services make driving safer. it's still vitally important that the driver must always remain attentive.

Additional services and data may be required.

Full feature details will be available closer to launch, Downey said.

# GM is UAW Strike Target

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strike, while it was 95.98 percent at Ford and 96 percent at Fiat Chrysler.

Picking GM as the target is no surprise because it's the most profitable of the three companies, and General Motors also has announced plans to shutter four factories in Ohio, Michigan and Maryland.

The union has pledged to fight the closures at two Detroit-area factories, in Lordstown, Ohio, and near Baltimore. Production already has stopped in Lordstown, Baltimore and one of the Detroit-area factories.

'We are focused. We are prepared and we are all ready to stand up for our members, our communities and our manufacturing future," union President Gary Jones said in a statement the company's UAW workers,

Michigan and Kansas that aren't being fully utilized, and the union will seek new products for those plants, she said.

General Motors also leads all automakers in production of vehicles in the country of Mexico, another thorny issue for the union.

It's also possible there will be an economic downturn within the term of the next four-year contract, so the union will seek job and income security, Dziczek said.

Adding to the tension is the automakers' quest to trim hourly labor costs, which have grown when compared with Southern U.S. factories run by Toyota, Nissan, Hyundai-Kia, Volkswagen and others.

Fiat Chrysler pays about \$55 per hour in wages and benefits to while it's \$61 at Ford and \$63 at General Motors.



Tuesday

General Motors officials said the company is looking forward "constructive discussions" to with the union to build a strong future for employees and its business.

General Motors, the nation's largest automaker, likely was picked because talks there will be the most difficult of the Detroit Three, said Kristin Dziczek. vice president of labor, industry and economics at the Center for Automotive Research, an industry think tank.

Although she doesn't know how negotiations have been going so far, the likelihood of a strike was high even before the union picked General Motors, Dziczek said.

The union raised strike pay for workers and has said it will use all tools in its toolbox during contract talks.

In addition to the four plants that GM has slated to close, it also has three other factories in

That compares with an average of \$50 per hour at plants owned by foreign-based automakers, according to the Center for Automotive Research, an industry think tank.

Also playing into the talks is a corruption investigation by the federal government into the union's leadership.

Last month federal agents searched Jones' suburban Detroit home, and several union leaders and executives have been found guilty of taking money from a training center run jointly by the UAW and Fiat Chrysler.

Jones, who has not been charged, marched in Detroit's Labor Day parade but exited the route before its completion and didn't speak to any union members.

About 20 marchers carried signs calling for the union to be reformed.

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# **New Wrangler Celebrates Willys Heritage**

Good news for fans of the original Willys Jeep, the vehicle that started it all.

The Jeep brand is returning the Wrangler Willys edition to the iconic SUV's lineup and introducing the new 2020 Wrangler Black & Tan, said FCA spokesman Berj Alexanian. Both models are based on the Wrangler Sport S and feature unique exterior and interior content.

"Special editions are a perfect way for Jeep to connect with customers and feed their ideas and passion into the brand and its vehicles," said Jim Morrison, head of Jeep Brand - North America.

"Wrangler Willys harkens back to the original Jeep while Wrangler Black & Tan offers a unique look with a tan top. We are proud that both new models will add to the wide appeal Jeep Wrangler already offers."

The 2020 Jeep Wrangler Willys and Black & Tan editions are available to order now, Alexanian said.

The 2020 Jeep Wrangler lineup sees the return of the popular Willys edition and marks the first time it is available on the newest generation Jeep Wrangler (JL), Morrison said.

The Wrangler Willys edition features a limited-slip rear differential, Rubicon rock rails and shocks, heavy-duty brakes and 32-inch Firestone mud terrain tires. These features, combined with Jeep's Command-Trac 4x4 part-time, two-speed transfer case with a 2.72:1 low-range gear ratio, bolster the Jeep Wrangler Willys' off-road capability.

This added capability is highlighted with a rugged appearance, Morrisons aid. Special exterior design cues feature a Willys hood decal, unique black 17-inch aluminum wheels with gray pad print and a gloss black sport grille.

All-weather slush mats, as well as LED headlights and fog lights, are also standard on the Wrangler Willys edition.

The Wrangler Willys edition is available in 10 colors: Black, Granite Crystal, Sting Gray, Billet, Ocean Blue, Firecracker Red, Punk'n, Hellayella, Mojito! and White.

The 2020 Jeep Wrangler Willys has an MSRP of \$33,740 for the

two-door model and \$37,240 for the four-door version of the vehicle.

Joining the Jeep Wrangler lineup for the first time for the model year 2020, the Wrangler Black & Tan features a unique look with a distinct heritage flair, Morrison said.

Available in all exterior colors, the Jeep Wrangler Black & Tan edition features 17-inch Machine Granite wheels wrapped in allterrain tires, side steps, Low Gloss badging and a premium tan soft top.

The 2020 Jeep Wrangler Black & Tan has a U.S. Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of \$32,940 for the two-door model of the Jeep and an MSRP of \$36,440 for the four-door version of the vehicle.



This special 2020 Wrangler is meant to honor the original Willys Jeep.

## Mount Clemens Startup Enters into Partnership

The MDNA and Machine Hub of Mount Clemens have entered into a new strategic partnership that will modernize, update and transform LOCATOR Services Inc. across all of its product lines.

"LOCATOR Services Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Machinery Dealers National Association (MDNA), offers top-quality products to the used machinery industry.," said Machine Hub CEO Jimmy Gwizdala. "Their primary objective is to provide easy-to-use and effective tools to help businesses buy and sell machines and equipment."

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LocatorOnline.com which has been a major online listing service for used metalworking machinery, with tens of thousands of For Sale listings updated on a regular basis.

The companion printed directory, LOCATOR of Used Machinery, Equipment & Plant Services, the world's largest printed directory of available used metalworking equipment, Gwizdala said. This directory reaches almost 100,000 buyers, sellers and dealers.

"With the expertise that Machine Hub brings to this strategic partnership, dealers and end-

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users will be able to access the most advanced machine dealer software system on the market," Gwizdala said.

"This system includes improved inventory management (CIMS), customer relation management (CRM), analytics, marketing resources, and machine maintenance logs. Additionally, Machine Hub has made it incredibly easy to get your machines to market with an intuitive and bustling marketplace."

"We're excited by the opportunity to work closely with the MD-NA and look forward to providing MDNA Members with substantial benefits in the years to come." said Jeff Stern, COO of Machine Hub.

"It's an honor to be connected to an association that does so much for its members. We built Machine Hub to assist machine dealers in doing what they do best, buying and selling machines. I look at this partnership as an extension of this core company philosophy."

MDNA Executive Vice President Mark Robinson said the organization's strategic partnership with Machine Hub will bring an enormous new member benefit to the MDNA by immediately empowering members to improve their ability to market as well as sell and inventory their tools.

## Ford Hybrid Police Vehicle Saves Taxpayers Money

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standard 3.3-liter hybrid engine. These commitments represent more than 17 percent of the 15,000-plus orders for the 2020 Police Interceptor Utility. Conventional gas engine options include a 3.0-liter EcoBoost V6 and a 3.3-liter V6 with flex fuel capability.

Many agencies continue to evaluate their vehicle needs and will place orders later in the year. A few, such as the Los Angeles Police Department, tested the new hybrid in advance, and have already placed orders, Johndrow said.

"I drove the new Police Interceptor Utility and was impressed," said George Yamanaka, Los Angeles Police Department fleet manager. "It's great – a hybrid utility vehicle that doesn't sacrifice performance."

As part of an ongoing effort to convert its full patrol fleet to hybrid power, the department has ordered 39 2020 Police Interceptor Utility Hybrids to date, according to Yamanaka. He said the arrival of the 2020 Police Interceptor Utility Hybrid gives law enforcement an option that until now didn't exist – a pursuit-rated hybrid SUV. While actual mileage will vary, the new 2020 Police Interceptor Utility Hybrid has an EPA-estimated rating of 23 mpg city/24 mpg highway/24 mpg combined - a 41 percent improvement over the current Police Interceptor Utility equipped with a conventional 3.7-liter gas engine, Johndrow said. Projections indicate the hybrid could help police departments save between \$3,500 and \$5,700 per vehicle annually in fuel costs versus the current Police Interceptor Utility. Applying those projected numbers to every Police Interceptor Utility sold in 2018 would equate to an estimated savings of more than 43 million gallons of fuel and an estimated annual cost savings of between \$118 million and \$193 million.

law enforcement because of the potentially significant idle-time fuel savings, Johndrow said. When police vehicles are stationary, a conventional gasoline engine must run continuously to power emergency lighting, radios, computers and other onboard electrical equipment.

The hybrid powertrain of the Police Interceptor Utility allows the engine to shut off for extended periods, powering electrical equipment via its lithium-ion battery and helping achieve significant reductions in fuel usage and CO2 emissions over the previous generation Police Interceptor Utility.

"Our Police Interceptor Utility's standard hybrid powertrain provides the potential for significant fuel savings with improved performance and no tradeoffs in safety or cargo space," said Stephen Tyler, Ford police brand marketing manager. "It's a winwin-win formula for law enforcement."

In testing by the Michigan State Police in 2018, the new Police Interceptor Utility Hybrid had the fastest 0-100 mph accel-



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The only faster entry was the Ford Police Interceptor Utility powered by a 3.0-liter EcoBoost engine.

And in Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department testing, the new Police Interceptor Utility Hybrid bested the outgoing 3.7-literequipped model in 0-60 mph by 1.1 seconds and in the 0-100 mph run by 4.7 seconds. It also turned a fastest lap time that was 2.4 seconds better than the 3.7-liter and fastest average lap time that was 1.7 seconds better.

The vehicle is purpose-built at Ford's Chicago Assembly Plant.

The Police Interceptor Utility includes vinyl rear seats and vinyl flooring enable easy cleaning, and anti-stab plates in the rear of the front seatbacks help protect officers from potential threats.

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# **More Nissan Money Issues**

TOKYO (AP) - The chief exec- tion system to Greg Kelly, a forutive of scandal-plagued Nissan on Sept. 5 acknowledged receiving inappropriate payments from the Japanese automaker but denied he ordered or knew about it.

Hiroto Saikawa said an internal company investigation found he had received the money, but he would return it.

"I thought everything was being carried out properly, and I didn't know anything," Saikawa told reporters.

Nissan said that the findings from its ongoing internal investigation will be reported to the board of directors Sept. 2, but declined to elaborate, saying the board was independent.

"We have heard that share appreciation rights will also be part of this report," the company said, referring to the payments linked to Nissan share prices that executives, including Saikawa, received as bonuses.

Japanese media reports have said that the dates were changed to allow the maximum amount of cashing in on the stock prices, allowing Saikawa to receive hundreds of thousands of dollars in dubious compensation.

The latest development comes as former Nissan Chairman Carlos Ghosn is awaiting trial on charges of falsifying documents on deferred compensation and of breach of trust in allegedly diverting Nissan money for personal gain. He denies wrongdoing.

Saikawa blamed what he called "the Ghosn system" at Nissan for the payments, and said the system was being reviewed.

Saikawa succeeded Ghosn and in the past was closely allied with Ghosn, who led Nissan for two decades and made it one of the most successful automakers in the world.

Saikawa said he had left the task of overseeing the compensamer board director who was arrested last year with Ghosn on financial misconduct allegations. Kelly has maintained his innocence.

Since the arrests of Ghosn and Kelly, Nissan profits and sales have tumbled. Investors are also worried about Nissan's relationship with alliance partner Renault SA of France, which owns 43 percent of Nissan.

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