

# Summary of Benefits for Replacing T3s with Polaris Rangers

The following outlines several advantages to replacing the three decommissioned T3s with two Polaris Rangers (six-seater all-terrain vehicle). Here is a breakdown of the key points:

## Cost Effectiveness:

1. Polaris Rangers have a lower long-term cost compared to T3s.
  1. While the upfront cost is higher (\$24,000 vs \$15,000 each), the Polaris uses regular car batteries, significantly reducing maintenance costs compared to the T3's \$800 per battery replacements (2 batteries per T3).

## Versatility and Functionality:

1. The Polaris Ranger offers greater capacity, transporting up to six people at once compared to the single-occupant T3.
2. Street legal registration eliminates the need for trailering, improving convenience and time management.
3. Off-road capability allows for search and rescue operations in rough terrain such as Tradewinds Park.
4. The ability to tow bikes with a hitch expands its usability for events and searches.

## Community Engagement:

1. The Polaris can be a conversation starter/draw at various community events:
  1. Autism Acceptance events
  2. Touch-A-Truck events
  3. Community car shows
  4. Children's events (parades, festivals)
  5. Farmers markets
  6. Law Enforcement Torch Run
  7. Relay for Life
  8. Transporting Santa and Mrs. Claus during the annual Holiday Caravan.

Overall, the Polaris Ranger presents a compelling option, offering increased functionality, cost-effectiveness, and a valuable tool for community engagement.