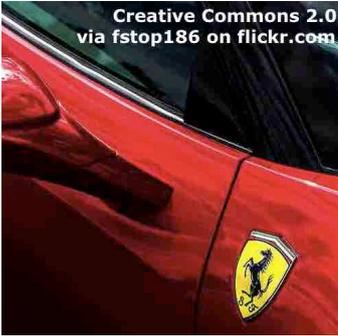


Czech police turn criminal's Ferrari into patrol car

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What do police do with cars taken from criminals? Police in the Czech Republic have come up with a good idea for high-powered sports cars. They turned a criminal's Ferrari into a patrol car. The Ferrari 458 Italia is now part of the Czech Police's fleet of

cars. It was almost brand new when they took it from a criminal. It only had 1,900 km on the clock. The same kind of car usually sells for around \$275,000. The force spent around \$14,000 to turn it into a police car. It was originally Ferrari red in colour, but the police repainted it yellow and blue. These are the colours of police cars in Czechia. They also fitted it with fluorescent stripes, cameras, a radio, a siren, and flashing police lights on the roof.

A police spokesperson said they would use the Ferrari in high-speed chases. He said it would be able to catch any joyrider on the roads. Police will also pursue drivers taking part in illegal road races. The spokesperson added that the car would be used against some of the country's "most aggressive" criminals on the roads. Police in Czechia seize many vehicles from criminals each year. They sell most of them and give the money to victims of traffic crimes. They turn others into patrol cars. The Ferrari is the most luxurious to become a patrol car. Czechia has a long way to go to match Dubai's fleet of supercars. Dubai police get to drive Lamborghinis, Bugattis and an Aston Martin to keep their roads safer.

Sources: bbc.com / theguardian.com / washingtonpost.com

Writing

All property taken from criminals should be sold to help victims of crime. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

police / criminals / good ideas / sports cars / patrol car / brand new / clock / siren / Ferrari / chases / road races / aggressive / vehicles / luxurious / traffic / crimes

True / False

- 1) Czech police are starting to use only high-powered sports cars. T / F
- 2) The Czech police force now has 458 Italian Ferraris. T / F
- 3) It cost the Czech police \$14,000 to convert a Ferrari into a patrol car. T / F
- 4) The Ferrari now has flashing lights on its roof. T / F
- 5) The police said they would use the Ferrari to catch joyriders. T / F
- 6) The police said it would be very aggressive in chasing drivers. T / F
- 7) The Czech police sell criminals' cars to give money to traffic victims. T / F
- 8) The Czech police will buy Lamborghinis from the Dubai police. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. criminals | a. lines |
| 2. turned | b. retails |
| 3. sells | c. expensive |
| 4. originally | d. pursuits |
| 5. stripes | e. lawbreakers |
| 6. chases | f. unlawful |
| 7. illegal | g. equal |
| 8. seize | h. transformed |
| 9. luxurious | i. capture |
| 10. match | j. initially |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think of police cars?
- b) What should happen to cars taken from criminals?
- c) Would you like a high-powered sports car?
- d) Is it a good idea for police to have Ferrari's?
- e) Have you ever seen a police chase?
- f) Would being a traffic police officer be a good job?
- g) How good at solving crime are the police in your country?
- h) What should police do with other things taken from criminals?

Phrase Match

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| 1. come up | a. speed chases |
| 2. It was almost brand | b. on the roads |
| 3. The same kind of car usually sells | c. on the roof |
| 4. fluorescent | d. luxurious |
| 5. flashing police lights | e. for around \$275,000 |
| 6. use the Ferrari in high- | f. of traffic crimes |
| 7. it would be able to catch any | g. with a good idea |
| 8. the country's "most aggressive" criminals | h. new |
| 9. give the money to victims | i. joyrider on the roads |
| 10. The Ferrari is the most | j. stripes |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you think of Ferraris?
- What do you think of joyriders?
- How often do you see aggressive criminals on the roads?
- What do you think of road rage?
- Should victims of crime always get money?
- Why do you think Dubai police have so many supercars?
- What questions would you like to ask the Czech police?

Spelling

- the Czech Police's elfte of cars
- It was almost bndar new
- It was orailgnyi Ferrari red in colour
- They also etfidt it
- sufrlnteeco stripes
- nfgiaslh police lights on the roof
- A police oppkoesnsser
- catch any dorrjiye on the roads
- part in eigalll road races
- the country's most grssgieeva criminals
- give the money to sicitvm of traffic crimes
- The Ferrari is the most soiuruxul

Answers – Synonym Match

1. e	2. h	3. b	4. j	5. a
6. d	7. f	8. i	9. c	10. g

Role Play

Role A – Supercars

You think supercars are the best form of transport for the police. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): helicopters, horses or Segways.

Role B – Helicopters

You think helicopters are the best form of transport for the police. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): supercars, horses or Segways.

Role C – Horses

You think horses are the best form of transport for the police. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): helicopters, supercars or Segways.

Role D – Segways

You think Segways are the best form of transport for the police. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): helicopters, horses or supercars.

Speaking – Vehicles

Rank these with your partner. Put the best police vehicles at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Motorbikes | • Supercars |
| • Speedboats | • Helicopters |
| • Horses | • Segways |
| • Police van | • Bicycles |

Answers – True False

1	F	2	F	3	T	4	T	5	T	6	F	7	T	8	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.