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New DART Police vehicle delivers a stand-up ride

A trio of new three-wheelers will give DART Police officers the ability to stand and deliver. Better public safety, that is.

Dallas Area Rapid Transit bought three T3 Patroller electric standup vehicles to provide officers with improved mobility, speed and vision in spaces that aren't suitable for cars and motorcycles. The brightly colored, three-wheel vehicles allow officers to move while standing on a platform to watch for trouble, access station elevators, use narrow corridors and carry gear in a lockable, on-board storage compartment. The police vehicle is specially equipped with LED flashing lights, a headlight, a siren and turn indicators.



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The vehicles, already used by other police forces and security agencies around the world, are built by T3 Motion in Costa Mesa, Calif. DART paid \$38,000 for the three vehicles. They are scheduled to debut in September at rail stations and bus transit centers as well as at special events like the State Fair of Texas.

With fewer parts than patrol cars and running on batteries, the T3 Patroller is quieter than a car or motorcycle. It can travel up to 25 miles on a single charge with a top speed of 20 mph.