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	Submitted by:	Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of the purchase of Responder Powered Air Purifying Respirators to be utilized by the six (6) Weapons of Mass Destruction (SWAT) Tactical Officer Task Force teams, 72 officers, located throughout the State of Iowa.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the purchase of Responder Powered Air Purifying Respirators from Midwest Safety Counselors, Inc., Robert H. Petersen, President / Owner, 379 Bridgepoint Way, South St. Paul, Minnesota 55075, to be utilized by the WMD and SWAT teams across the State of Iowa. The City Procurement Office sent out a request for bid (V12-085) receiving six (6) responses of which Midwest Safety was the lowest bidder.

These respirators are vital to the safety of the officers during any chemical incident. These respirators allow the officers to breathe through a facial mask leaving their hands available to perform needed tasks. A 36-inch hose is connected from the face mask to a battery operated mechanism that is attachable to the officer's belt at the small of the back. This location allows the officer greater mobility and little interference with the function of the officer's hands. The respirator allows the officer to breathe and function if toxins are present.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$43,164

Funding Source: 2012 SWAT/WMD Homeland Security Grant. This grant is part of the Police Department's Federal Grant line item in the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2013, pg. 225.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Weapons of Mass Destruction SWAT Tactical Officer Task Force is part of the State of Iowa's Homeland Security Initiative. This Task Force consists of six (6) – twelve (12) person teams that are located throughout the State of Iowa. The City of Des Moines is the fiscal agent for the 2012 SWAT/WMD Homeland Security Grant and is thus responsible for purchasing equipment for the task force from the State of Iowa Approved Equipment list. The equipment is then distributed to the teams with Des Moines maintaining inventory and financial records. The cost of the equipment is then reimbursed through the State of Iowa Homeland Security Grant.

The respirators are highly valuable during explosive situations where chemicals are often airborne. The equipment will allow officers the ability to breathe and maintain functionality while exercising caution and safety procedures. This purchase will replace current respirators employed by the teams. The equipment being purchased is compliant with Chemical Biological Radiological Neutralization (CBRN) criteria level of safety.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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