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	Submitted by:	Dana Wingert, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval for the purchase of 32 tactical ballistic vests from Streicher's, 10911 W Highway 55, Minneapolis, MN 55441, Jeremy Jenniges, President, to be used by the Des Moines Metro STAR team.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval for the purchase of tactical ballistic vest with ballistic plate inserts. The vests are designed to quickly be accessible with level-3 protective plates inserted in front, side and back. The plates are made from a high-density material, polyethylene, and are designed to upgrade presently worn body armor to protect against high velocity rifle fire.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$73,600.04

Funding Source: PD226000 – State Asset Forfeitures. Page 207 of the Recommended Operating Budget, Departmental Detail Fiscal Year 2017

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The use of the tactical ballistic vest is an important addition to officer safety and has been tested, approved and recommended by the National Institute of Justice and Homeland Security. This vest, worn in conjunction with a standard ballistic vest, increases the officer's resistance to gun and rifle fire. The polyethylene plates are tested and designed to withstand up to a level four (4) ballistic impact. The polyethylene material is lighter than the traditional metal plates and is designed to be more comfortable and form fitting. The vests are adjustable to the individual officer's physique and pouch configuration preference. The pouches attached to the vest often carry spare ammunition, first aid and other needed equipment.

The vests being purchased would replace and upgrade the vests presently being employed by the Metro STAR entry and sniper teams. This vest is found on State of Iowa contract #16263.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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