


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>21-144</b>	Meeting:	<b>March 22, 2021</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>28C</b>	Roll Call:	<b>21-0476</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Dana Wingert, Chief of Police</b>		

### AGENDA HEADING:

Approving the purchase of 120 ballistic personal protective systems utilizing the NASPO ValuePoint Agreement number 2016-178, State of Iowa Master Agreement 16263C.

### SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval to purchase 120 ballistic personal protection systems utilizing the NASPO ValuePoint Agreement 2016-178, State of Iowa Master Agreement 16263C from two (2) vendors:

- Galls LLC (1340 Russell Cave Road, Lexington, KY 40505, R. Michael Andrews, CFO) who will supply the Armor Express manufactured systems to include the Sereph and Razor model Systems.
- Streicher's Inc. (10911 W Highway 55, PO Box 41398, Minneapolis, MN 55441, Jeremy Jenniges, President), who will supply the Safariland manufactured systems to include Xtreme, SX, and Hardwire.

Two (2) National Institute of Justice threat levels (2 and 3A) were selected for protection against common firearms. Also recommended for approval from these vendors, are external vest carriers which provide more space for carrying specialized equipment, (flashlight, tourniquet, medical gloves) better weight distribution, employee identification and "POLICE" in large reflective letters.

The personal protection systems are reasonably lightweight and professional. Each employee will be measured to ensure the best possible fit for their personal protection system. The systems will range in cost with the City paying the vendor up to \$1,000 and the employee paying the balance.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$120,000

Funding Source: Multiple sources including \$50,000 from the general operating fund, \$50,000 anticipated from the 2022 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, and \$20,000 State Forfeited Funds. Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Recommended Operating Budget, Department Detail Pages 192 and 201

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- NASPO ValuePoint Body Armor Products agreement is a government-to-government cooperative purchasing agreement in which the State of Iowa participates (Master Agreement number 16263C) this indicates that the equipment price has been secured through a bidding process.
- The Police Department is following industry best practices by adopting a “Mandatory Wear” policy for ballistic protection vests.
- An audit of current ballistic protection vests found many vests beyond their 5-year useful life; this limit ensures adequate protection despite gradual degradation of the panels due to standard wear factors such as sweat, heat and environmental factors.
- A committee considered multiple manufacturers and models before narrowing the choices to reasonably accommodate different preferences for weight, comfort, style, budget, and department standardization.
- The approved ballistic personal protection systems are rated to protect against most common handguns.
- Current employees will be eligible to replace their ballistic protection system as it approaches expiration.
- Each employee may utilize up to \$1,000 to purchase a ballistic system. If the total cost exceeds this limit, the employee must pay the difference.
- Each employee will be measured by the vendor and the system will be manufactured to their specifications.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

The quantity of ballistic personal protection systems may vary each year to meet the needs of the department.

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