

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager
DATE: September 26, 2016

SUBJECT: Approve the purchase of ballistic vests, helmets, and accessories from Red, the Uniform Tailor in the amount of \$77,722.00

PRESENTER: Jimmy Perdue, Chief of Police

SUMMARY:

This year has proven to be a tough year in public safety as we have witnessed unprecedented attacks upon first responders. The need for additional protection for police officers and EMS has become paramount to their safety and that of the community. The Police and Fire Departments conducted research and identified emergency equipment to better protect themselves and citizens in high risk incidents. This protective equipment consists of high-caliber ballistic over vests, ballistic helmets, and gear bags.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Point Blank level III+ ballistic vest is worn over the standard issue ballistic vest. It will provide protection against the majority of rifle rounds and can stop many types of armor-piercing rounds. Each vest will be marked clearly with "Police" for police officers and "Medic" for EMS. The Point Blank level IIIA ballistic helmet will provide for protection from smaller rounds and will also provide impact protection from blunt force objects that may be thrown.

Every North Richland Hills police officer will be issued an individual vest and helmet to be kept in a rapid deployment gear bag for emergency response. On duty officers will carry their equipment in patrol vehicles allowing for quick access when needed. The Fire Department will place vests and helmets in each of the ambulances and the battalion chiefs' vehicles.

The vests, helmets and accessories will be purchased through Red, the Uniform Tailor in Grand Prairie, Texas under contract pricing secured through the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Frisco. In addition due to the demand for these items, the manufacturer (Point Blank) has agreed to lower the price an additional amount. Per the agreement the price would be \$92,742.00 but with the additional discounts, the final purchase amount is \$77,720.00. The purchase of 123 vests, 91 helmets, and accessories (\$68,922) will be funded from Crime Control & Prevention District reserves. The purchase of 32 helmets (\$8,800) will be funded from the previously awarded Justice Assistance Grant # BJA-2013-3599.



RECOMMENDATION:

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