



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#13-0072**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** January 8, 2013

**TITLE:** Motion to approve purchase of replacement Police tactical ballistic vests -  
Florida State Contract 680-850-11-1 - \$87,980

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the purchase of Police tactical ballistic vests to replace expiring vests from Lou's Police Distributors, Inc., in the amount of \$87,980 in accordance with Florida State Contract 680-850-11-1.

**Background**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team's primary purpose is to respond to critical incidents beyond the Patrol Division's capability where loss of life is a very real threat. The team is activated approximately 50 times per year for various crisis situations including hostage rescue, barricaded subjects, and high risk warrants. These assignments require the entry team members to have special heavy vests that reduce the likelihood of injury when dealing with subjects who are armed with various dangerous weapons. These vests are specifically designed for these operations in mind and provide the best measure of protection, comfort and utility for SWAT Team Operators. There are 32 vests that expire after five years of services and must be replaced to ensure the officer's safety.

In addition, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department Bomb Squad has four heavy vests that they utilize for tactical operations when assisting the SWAT team. These vests expire after five years of service and must be replaced to ensure the officers' safety along with stand-alone level IV plates for the vests.

Lou's Police Distributor, Inc. is the authorized distributor/dealer for Point Blank Body Armor, Inc., and is their distributor that will provide the greatest discount pricing available to the City, utilizing the Florida State Contract 680-850-11-1.

### **Resource Impact**

There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$87,980.

FUNDS AVAILABILITY LOCATION:								
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YEAR	FUND	FUND	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	OBJECT #	SUBOBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
2013	001	01	General Fund	POL020406	Police Supply	3949	Uniforms	\$87,980
							<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$87,980</b>

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