



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#16-0135

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

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: February 16, 2016

TITLE: Motion to Approve Purchase of Ammunition and Use of Federal Law
Enforcement Trust Funds – Florida Bullet Incorporated, and Lawmen's
and Shooters' Supply, Inc. – \$139,017.38

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City approve the purchase of Winchester ammunition from Lawmen's and Shooters' Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$93,351.98 via State of Florida Contract No. 46000000-15-1 and proprietary purchase of Federal brand of ammunition from Florida Bullet Incorporated in the amount of \$45,665.40.

Background

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD) budgets funds annually to replenish its supply of ammunition. The ammunition is used for the following purposes:

- 1) Monthly training programs, which are vital in maintaining the Police Officers' proficiency in firearms and Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission's firearms qualification requirements.
- 2) Specialized monthly training which requires specific ammunition for snipers and members of the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team.
- 3) On-duty carry for handgun and rifles, which is different than ammunition issued for training. Duty ammunition is chosen primarily for bullet performance and safety. This ammunition is required to be periodically exchanged to assure it is functional and free of contamination.

The purchase of ammunition is crucial in ensuring the FLPD is current in Police Officer training. This training allows officers to find viable non-deadly options and practice. It also reinforces skills for increasing discretionary threat assessment abilities. It helps prepare officers to have effective responses to deadly threats with the safety of the community as our top priority.

The FLPD requests approval for this purchase to ensure State regulated compliance as well as individual officer proficiency in the use of firearms. Furthermore, the use of Federal Trust Fund is necessary due to insufficient funds allocated during the budget year to meet the department's ammunition needs as a result of unanticipated additional training. As such, the department requests that shared funds be used to purchase the additional ammunition in the amount of \$72,566.98.

Pursuant to Section 2-181(7), Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this purchase will be made in accordance with State of Florida Contract No. 46000000-15-1 from Lawmen's and Shooters' Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$93,351.98, whereby such contract or formal bid followed formal bid procedures of sealed written bids, public opening, and legal advertising.

Pursuant to Section 2-189, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the City may purchase proprietary items, as defined in Section 2-173, without the necessity of public bids. This purchase will be made from Florida Bullet in the amount of \$45,665.40. As defined by the Code, a proprietary item is not readily available from more than one supplier, manufacturer, or person and is unique in nature. Florida Bullet is the sole provider of Federal brand of ammunition in the State of Florida. Federal Ammunition has consistently performed optimally through FLPD-owned long and short barrel rifles. Low stoppage/jamming due to the high quality of Federal ammunition allow the Police Department to achieve better results in training and qualifications.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$139,017.38 for FY 2016.

| Funds available as of January 19, 2016 | | | | | |
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| ACCOUNT NUMBER | INDEX NAME (Program) | CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME | AMENDED BUDGET (Character) | AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character) | AMOUNT |
| 001-POL020211-3999 | Training Unit | Services & Materials/ Other Supplies | \$96,000 | \$84,714 | \$45,000 |
| 001-POL040401-3999 | Special Investigation Division | Services & Materials/ Other Supplies | \$246,609 | \$78,711 | \$8,000 |
| 001-POL040411-3999 | SWAT Unit | Services & Materials/ Other Supplies | \$47,000 | \$43,628 | \$13,450.40 |
| 001-POL080301-3999 | Justice Department Other | Services & Materials/ Other Supplies | \$0.00 | \$73,000 | \$72,566.98 |
| | | | | TOTAL ► | \$139,017.38 |

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Safety Cylinders of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 9: Be the safest urban coastal City in South Florida through preventative and responsive police and fire protection.
- Objective 1: Prevent and solve crime in all neighborhoods.

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Internal Support Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 11: Be a well-trained, innovative and neighborhood-centric workforce that builds community.
- Objective 3: Improve employee safety and wellness.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Chief's Certification

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