



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING

#16-0984

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

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

DATE: August 16, 2016

TITLE: Emergency Purchase - Ballistic Plates with Carriers and Ballistic Level 3
Shields – SRT Supply, Inc. - \$569,000

Pursuant to Section 2-190(a), Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, emergency purchases are permitted in the event of natural or manmade disasters and acts of domestic terrorism. In such event(s), all normal purchasing procedures and requirements directly related to such emergency are suspended. The City Manager shall be empowered to authorize the purchasing manager to secure any needed emergency supplies, materials, equipment or services using the most efficient and effective procurement methods in each purchase as determined by the purchasing manager.

The purpose of this memorandum is to report to the City Commission the emergency purchase of police active shooter protection kits and level three shields for the purpose upgrading the protection of our police officers. This emergency purchase was required due to the significant increase in threats and attacks on law enforcement personnel throughout the country.

The ballistic (rifle rated) shields are capable of stopping rifle caliber rounds. This tool is vital when attempting a civilian or officer rescue mission and being fired upon by a subject armed with or actively using a rifle. This includes active killer situations such as mass shooters, sniper incidents, etc. which have been occurring frequently as of late. All current shields in the Department that are capable of being used by a single officer (hand-held) are antiquated and are only capable of stopping pistol ammunition.

The ballistic (rifle-rated) plates with carriers will provide officers with the necessary equipment to protect themselves when exposed to rifle fire, which has been a real and repeated occurrence recently. When the threat escalates, the officers can wear this additional carrier over their soft body armor to protect their vital organs from ammunition that would easily penetrate their daily wear vests that only provide protection against handgun ammunition.

Resource Impact

There was a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$569,000. The available balance in the chart below reflects the amount remaining after the removal of encumbrances established for this purchase. Funds are encumbered on purchase order PP161364 in the amount of \$425,000.

Funds available as of August 5, 2016					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
001-POL020401-3946	Staff Support	Services & Materials/ Tools<\$5000	\$3,083,135	\$596,210	569,000
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$569,000

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.
- Objective 2: Provide quick and exceptional fire, medical, and emergency response.

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

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