



>REVISION<

LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Suzanne Sherman, City Manager

THRU: Mariano Augello, Chief of Police

DATE: May 16, 2024

RE: Consideration of appropriating General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance for the purchase of Rifle-Rated Ballistic Armor Plates (~~\$45,000~~ >\$68,160<) for Fiscal Year 2024).

SUMMARY:

The Palm Bay Police Department's is requesting to purchase an ~~estimated 100-125~~ >191< Rifle-Rated Ballistic Armor Plates to be issued to all of our ~~patrol division and other specialty units~~ >sworn personnel<. Recent assessments of operational risks and threats faced by our officers have highlighted the necessity for enhanced protective gear that can withstand high-caliber firearms. The Omega Hard Armor Plates are designed to offer rifle-rated protection, a critical upgrade from the standard ballistic vests currently in use, which primarily offer protection against handgun fire. The enhanced protection offered by rifle-rated armor plates is essential in high-threat environments where officers are increasingly facing adversaries armed with rifles. The Omega Hard Armor Plates from Paraclete, are supplied readily by Federal Eastern, our current provider for regular duty ballistic vests. Equipping officers with advanced protective gear not only enhances their operational readiness but also boosts morale by demonstrating the department's commitment to officer safety. The department aims to procure approximately 400-425 >191< plates initially, with a unit cost of \$355 for orders exceeding 50 units. The intention is to incorporate these plates into the standard issue equipment for all new officers going forward.

This purchase will be made utilizing the NASPO contract # 46151500-NASPO-21-ACS that expires November 10, 2024. The piggyback purchase in accordance with the City's Code of Ordinances, Section 38.13(F)(4) Cooperative Purchases.

REQUESTING DEPARTMENTS:

Police

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for this initial bulk purchase will be provided through The Undesignated Fund Balance for a total of (\$45,000) >(\$68,160)< to the Equipment Purchase Account # 001-5012-521-5206. Future purchases of the rifle armor plates will be included in the budgeting for equipment supplied to officers.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to approve the purchase of the Omega Rifle-Rated Ballistic Armor Plates from Federal Eastern International.

ATTACHMENTS: