

Legislation Text

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TO: Leonard Martin, City Manager

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Consider **Approval Of The Purchase Of Level IV “Active Shooter” Kits And Level IIIA Ballistic Shields For The Police Department From CMC Government Supply Through A Contract With BuyBoard** In An Amount Not To Exceed \$39,662.15.

BACKGROUND:

In light of recent events where law enforcement officers have been assaulted and/or killed as a result of being ambushed by assailants with high powered assault rifles, it has become necessary to enhance the tactical capabilities of individual first responders. The Police Department is proposing to purchase forty (40) “active shooter” kits. These kits include two (2) Level IV armor plates, one (1) plate carrier system with “POLICE” placards, and one (1) Level IIIA ballistic helmet. Additionally, the Department is proposing the purchase of five (5) Level IIIA ballistic shields.

This equipment will be kept in the patrol fleet, to include School Resource Officers, and supervisors’ vehicles. These kits will also be added to certain vehicles assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division (CID). Ballistic shields will be strategically deployed throughout the fleet.

The active shooter kits and associated equipment will be purchased through an interlocal agreement with Buy Board. Texas law authorizes this process so that the City can save the time of developing specifications and avoid the duplication of the competitive bidding process. BuyBoard meets all state of Texas bidding requirements. The Department compared BuyBoard prices with three additional quotes to ensure the lowest price. The active shooter kits are priced at \$803.48 per unit and the ballistic shields are priced at \$1,385.00 per unit. The cost of the project is \$39,064.20, plus shipping costs of \$597.95, for a total cost of \$39,662.15.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The “active shooter” kits and ballistic shields will be purchased from budgeted funds from the cost center and amount as listed below.

<u>COST CENTER</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>BUDGET AMOUNT</u>
POLICE - 201001	61190 - Police Professional Services	\$ 39,662.15

This account traditionally supports costs associated with crime analysis, polygraphs and DNA testing for investigating major crimes. The Department did not realize significant demands for these services during this budget year.

IMPACT ON COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:

This equipment will better equip and protect first responders in the field. It will enhance existing ballistic protection while responding to active shooter situations, arguably the most serious of all critical incidences, thus giving first responders increased opportunity to sustain the peace and tranquility of the community.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION/ACTION DESIRED:

Staff recommends the purchase of forty (40) “active shooter” kits and five (5) Level IIIA ballistic shields in an amount not to exceed \$39,662.15 from CMC Government Supply through a contract with BuyBoard.