



City Council Staff Report

DATE: June 1, 2016

CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: APPROVE PURCHASE OF TACTICAL PATROL VESTS FROM
MIDWEST ARMOR UTILIZING FUNDS DONATED BY THE AGUA
CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS

FROM: David H. Ready, City Manager

BY: Bryan Reyes, Police Chief

SUMMARY

The Palm Springs Police Department recently received a community safety contribution from the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians in the amount of \$25,000.00. No matching funds were required to obtain these grant funds. Staff is recommending that the funds be used to purchase 65 new tactical patrol vests to better protect the life of our Police Officers during an active shooter incident.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the purchase of 65 new Tactical Patrol Vests from Midwest Armor & Strategic Solutions in an amount not-to-exceed \$27,277.25
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute any necessary documents to effectuate the purchase.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

One of the most important lessons learned in San Bernardino, Paris and other terrorist or active shooter events, is the need for enhanced Police body armor.

On a day to day basis, the body armor police officers wear is normally sufficient to protect and save lives. However, the patrol vest is not effective when an officer is faced with a suspect armed with a high powered rifle such as those encountered in recent incidents.

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Active shooter vests are quickly placed over their uniform giving them a more adequate level of protection.

Approval of this request will enhance and further the City's partnership with the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, who have contributed past funding to modernize the Police Department's James A. Heazlett Memorial Firing Range and equipping the Department with a state of the art firearm simulator.

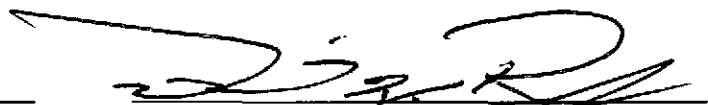
The City received six quotations for 65 new active shooter tactical patrol vests ranging in price from \$23,261.25 to a high of \$42,625.91. However, after careful review of the specifications, quality, and options of each vest by Police Department staff, it was determined that the Rhino Tactical Carrier vest offered by Midwest Armor & Strategic Solutions of Bismark, ND was a superior product that includes critical soft-armor side protection for the officers that is not offered by the other manufacturers. As such, staff is recommending award to the second lowest quotation in the amount of \$27,277.25 to Midwest Armor.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost for the vests is \$27,277.25 including tax and shipping. The necessary funding will be appropriated in the following accounts:

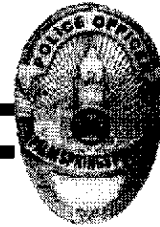
\$25,000.00 from the Police Uniform Accessory account, 160-4524-52033, and, \$2,277.25 from the SLESF 2014-2015 account, 261-3201-52101. There will be no impact on the General Fund and there are no matching funds required.


Bryan Reyes, Chief of Police


David H. Ready, City Manager

MEMORANDUM

PALM SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT



DATE: May 24, 2016
TO: Chief of Police via Chain of Command
FROM: Detective Mike Casavan
SUBJECT: Active Shooter Vest Quote

Chief Reyes,

Recent local and international tragedies have, once again, showed the strengths and weaknesses of Law Enforcement's response. The City of Palm Springs and the citizens, who live, stay and play here are equally vulnerable to the threats posed to us by local and international terrorism. With each tragedy, lessons are learned. The lives lost would be in vain if those lessons were not used to improve the security of the community we serve. The police officers of the Palm Springs Police Department are the first line of defense to keep those within our community safe.

One of the most important lessons learned in San Bernardino, Paris and other terrorist or active shooter events, is the need for enhanced body armor. On a day to day basis, the body armor we wear is normally sufficient to protect our life. However, this vest will be of no use when an officer faces a suspect armed with a high powered rifle such as those encountered in recent incidents.

I would respectfully suggest that there is a need for an "active shooter vest" as a better solution for an officer facing such a heightened threat. An active shooter vest consists of a fabric carrier which is designed to hold two ceramic plates, one on the front and one on the back. These plates are designed and tested to withstand up to a 7.62 caliber rifle round. An AK-47 is a very common rifle used by terrorists and the AK-47 uses 7.62 caliber ammunition. The rifles used in the San Bernardino terrorist attack were AR-15 style rifles which use 5.56 caliber ammunition. The active shooter vests proposed in this memo would be sufficient to stop a round of these calibers.

An active shooter vest would give our officers more adequate protection as they move to end the threat posed by a terrorist or active shooter. These vests are quickly placed over their uniform giving them a level of protection sufficient to end the threat. The goal in every active shooter event is to end the threat as quickly as possible to stem the loss of life. Without such protection, there is a higher likelihood of death or injury for the officers and, potentially, the citizens involved.

Six companies have submitted bids to supply the Palm Springs Police Department with active shooter vests. The companies are reputable and we use products from each of them. However, as a former Marine, 7 year member of Desert Regional SWAT and a Patrol Rifle Instructor, I believe the active shooter vest made by Midwest Armor is the superior product.

Midwest Armor's active shooter vest is a plate carrier designed to allow the officer to install soft armor in the vest in addition to the ceramic ballistic plates it comes with. The soft armor provides an added level of protection including side torso protection which

the other products do not. Each vest also has areas to clearly display "POLICE" insignia and "MOLLE" webbing to attach magazine pouches and individual first aid kits (IFAK).

The "MOLLE" attachment system allows officers to attach the magazine pouches and the IFAK for easy accessibility. The importance of having enough ammunition readily available in an active shooter event cannot be underestimated. The availability of a first aid kit allows the officer to render first aid to him/herself, a victim or suspect. Time is often crucial with gunshot injuries and having first aid available immediately could mean the difference between life and death.

The products offered in this quote by Adamson's Police Supply, F.S.O.C., Battalion Defense, Galls and Tun Tavern Tactical do not offer side torso protection and a variety of MOLLE attachments. The Midwest Armor plate carrier offers the ability to insert soft body armor which would provide the much needed side torso protection. The other products offered do not have the ability to insert soft body armor. Midwest Armor has the most availability for MOLLE attachments and "POLICE" insignia. In addition, Midwest Armor agreed to affix the patches requested by the Agua Caliente Band of Mission Indians Grant Program at their factory. The grant required the patches be sewn on at the factory before distribution.

My training, experience and the lessons learned through tragedies like San Bernardino prove that a well-equipped officer is vital in an active shooter event. Currently, Desert Regional SWAT officers have active shooter vests issued. I respectfully request that our Department consider purchasing Midwest Armor active shooter vests with the intent of issuing them to all officers, sergeants and lieutenants in case we are called upon to confront such events as San Bernardino in the future.

Below is a summary of the six quotes obtained for this proposal. Each quote is for the necessary 65 plate carriers and 130 Level IV plates (One front and one back for a total of 2 per plate carrier). Adamson's Police Supply and Battalion Defense have been used by the City of Palm Springs in recent purchases. Midwest Armor is the recommended equipment in this proposal. The quotes include 9% sales tax and are valid for 90 days:

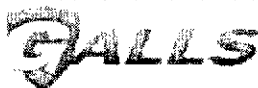
Galls - \$42,625
F.S.O.C. - \$37,847
Tun Tavern Tactical - \$36,842
Adamson's Police Products - \$33,937
Midwest Armor - \$27,277
Battalion Defense -23,621

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and I will address any questions or concerns you may have.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike Casavan #15562



The Authority in Air Gun Safety
 Equipment and Accessories
 17600 Fabrica Way
 Cerritos, CA 90703

Quotation Date:	5/10/2016
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Company / Agency: Palm Springs Police Dept.

Customer / Contact: Mike Casavan 760-323-8129 / mike.casavan@palmsringsca.gov

Galls Contact: **Jason Campbell / Teresa Beck**

Phone: 562.304.7805 / 760.505.5619

Fax: 562.304.7336

Email: campbell-jason@galls.com

<u>Stock Number</u>	<u>Color/Style</u>	<u>Product Description</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Extended Total</u>
		Point Blank SOHPC Gen III Carrier Only		65	\$ 181.40	\$11,791.00
		Point Blank 10079 10 x 12 Level IV, Rifle PlatesShooter Cut		130	\$ 206.66	\$ 26,856.80

*Prices quoted are for quantities listed. Changes to quantities could affect your price +/- . Please contact your account manager for latest pricing updates. While most quotes are good for 45 days, please contact us for extension.

Galls - 17600 Fabrica Way - Cerritos - CA - 90703 www.galls.com (800) 834-7744 Toll Free

Subtotal	\$38,656.80
Shipping	\$490.00
Tax \$	3,479.11
Grand Total	\$ 42,625.91



F.S.O.C.

Quotation

803 Eucalyptus Dr
El Segundo, CA 90245
Phone (424) 634-9573
Fax (310) 640-6899

DATE 5/13/16
QUOTATION:
VALID UNTIL 7/12/16

Quotation For:
Palm Springs PD
Mike Casavan

SALES REP	P.O. NUMBER	SHIP DATE	SHIP VIA	F.O.B. POINT	TERMS
Dave Passarell					NET 30

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TAXABLE?	AMOUNT
65	FIRST ON PLATE CARRIER	\$ 95.00	T	\$ 6,175.00
130	LEVEL IV 10X12 NIJ .06 SA PLATE	219.00	T	28,470.00
13	2x5 "POLICE" ID PANELS	5.95	T	77.35
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SUBTOTAL	\$	34,722.35
TAX RATE		9.00%
SALES TAX		3,125.01
SHIPPING		-
TOTAL	\$	37,847.36

Tun Tavern Tactical, LLC

62 PAULA DR
 Angier, NC 27501

Quote

Date	Quote #
5/12/2016	2016-05a

Name / Address
Mike Casavan

Project

Description	Qty	Cost	Amount	Markup	Total
BD-ISAS-7, NU 04/05 9.50x11.50 Level IV Stand-Alone Multi-Curve (SH) 7.2 Lbs	130	112.67	14,647.10	42.01%	20,800.00T
DCS Special Forces Plate Carrier Base Only size Large BLACK	65	148.55	9,655.75	34.63%	13,000.00F
Sales Tax		9.00%			3,042.00
			Total		USD 36,842.00



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police products

Quotation

DATE May 10, 2016	PAGE 1
ORDER NUMBER SC041456	

10764 Noel Street
Los Alamitos, CA 90720
PH: (800) 824-0162 FX: (800) 824-0112

Sold To
PALM SPRINGS POLICE DEPT
ATTN: ACCOUNTS PAYBLE
P.O. BOX 2743
PALM SPRINGS, CA 92263

Ship To
PALM SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT
30100 -POLICE DEPARTMENT
PLC1- PS PD
200 S CIVIC DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262

REFERENCE	PO NUMBER	CUSTOMER NO	SALESPERSON	ORDER DATE	SHIP VIA	TERMS
		AC1400	REX	May 10, 2016	SH0001	NETO30

QUANTITY			ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	AMOUNT	
ORD	SHIP	B / O						
65	0	65	715/TAC-PH-MOLLE	PLATE HARNESS MOLLE	89.00	EA	5,785.00	
65	0	65	715/2115G-SC	LEVEL IV 10X12 PLATE SHOOTERS CUT FRONT PLATE - SHOOTERS CUT NIJ IV STAND ALONE	195.00	EA	12,675.00	
65	0	65	715/2115G	LEVEL IV SINGLE CURVE PLATE, FRONT This is a the back plate Single Curve. Ceramic Fiberglass. 8.3 lbs 10x12 rectangle; 7.62x168gr AP(30-06, M2 AP) NIJ IV STAND ALONE Quote is good for 90 days; Sales Tax included; Free Shipping	195.00	Ea	12,675.00	
This quote is valid for 60 days								

	Subtotal	31,135.00
	Total Sales Tax	2,802.16
	Total Order	33,937.16

Battalion Defense, LLC

109 East 17th St., Suite 63
 Cheyenne, WY 82001

Quote

Date	Quote #
5/10/2016	16-001

Name / Address
Mike Casavan Palm Springs PD 200 S Civic Dr Palm Springs, CA 92262

Item	Description	Qty	U/M	Cost	Total
BD-HC-ARCS-BLK-LRG	BD-HC-ARC-BLK, Active Response Carrier System, Black. Size Large. Includes 2 4S17 Plates, Placards	65	ea	325.00	21,125.00
Shipping	Shipping and Handling Sales Tax	1	ea	595.00 9.00%	595.00 1,901.25

Quote guaranteed for 90 days from date of issue.	Total	\$23,621.25
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