



TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Police Chief Brian Sandell

DATE: May 23, 2024

MEETING DATE: June 3, 2024

Agenda Item: Purchase of Rifle-Rated Ballistic Shields

Background: Our officers are asked to locate and arrest individuals with felony level arrests warrants where firearms have been used in their crimes. Our officer also execute felony search warrants on cases involving drug sales and firearms related assault crimes. Ballistic shields will provide a level of protection for officers who have to approach or make entry into a residence. Ballistic shields can also be used for suicidal persons with knives where officers need to make entry due to other individuals at the location.

I am recommending the use of the 2023 Minnesota Public Safety Aid to make this purchase. A quote was obtained from Armor Express for eight ballistic shields at a cost of \$28,300.32.

Requested Action: Approve the purchase of eight ballistic shields at a cost of \$28,300.32.