



## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

**AGENDA DATE:** February 12, 2024

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consider approving the police department to sell 20 department owned rifles to a local firearms dealer and the purchase of twenty (20) ADAMS ARMS SBR-556 Rifles and necessary accessories from various vendors.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Officers of the GRPD are currently issued department owned Smith and Wesson M&P AR-15 Patrol Rifles. These 20 rifles were purchased 01/19/2011 and several have failed mechanically and have been taken out of service. Also, these rifles do not meet the needs of GRPD members who are on the area SWAT Team.

Police rifles have a recommended service life of 6 to 10 years.

There are numerous studies that have been done and articles written about police officers having hearing loss due to several factors, including firearms training. Officers are required by OSHA and the MN POST Board to take training every year on hearing conservation. Firearm suppressors, in combination with earmuffs or ear plugs, during trainings, greatly reduce the potential for hearing damage.

In an effort to have all officers carry a department owned handgun of the same model and caliber, and to replace rifles that are at or over their recommended service life, GRPD firearms instructors and management have reviewed different models of firearms as possible replacements. The ADAMS ARMS SBR-556, with a Trijicon MRO Red Dot optic sight, a Streamlight TLR1 weapon mounted flashlight, and a suppressor meets the needs of Grand Rapids Police Department.

A quote has been received directly through ADAMS ARMS. The cost per rifle is \$1190.00. There is also a \$400.00 charge for shipping all 20 rifles.

A quote was received from Glens Army Navy for the Trijicon MRO Red Dot Optic for \$659.00 each, and for the Streamlight TRL-1 weapon mounted Flashlight for \$186.99 each.

A quote was received from T&M Shooting Sports, Inc from Little Falls MN, for Silencerco Model Saker 556k Suppressors for \$689.00 each.

Several other quotes, which are attached, were researched that were more expensive for different accessories and a similar rifle.

GRPD is requesting to purchase 20 ADAMS ARMS SBR-556 Rifles, for a total of \$24,200 directly from ADAMS ARMS, 20 Trijicon MRO Red Dot Optics and 20 Streamlight TLR-1 weapon mounted Flashlights from Glens Army Navy for \$16,900.00, and 22 Silencerco Model Saker 556k Suppressor from T&M Shooting Sports for \$15,158.00.

GRPD has obtained a quote from a local firearms dealer to sell the currently owned department issued rifles, when the new rifles arrive, and officers are trained with them. The total for selling the 20 GRPD owned M&P Rifles for approximately \$7500.00.

This is a nonbudgeted purchase that will be satisfied by Minnesota Public Safety Aid Funds. Utilizing this funding source will allow there to be zero cost by the City.

**REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:**

Make a motion to approve allowing the police department to sell 20 department owned rifles to a local firearms dealer and the purchase of twenty (20) ADAMS ARMS SBR-556 Rifles and necessary accessories from various vendors.