



# Lathrup Village Police Department

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## Memorandum

To: Lathrup Village City Council

From: Chief Michael Zang

Date: February 23, 2026

Re: Capital Improvement Purchase – Ballistic Shields

**Background Brief:** The Lathrup Village Police Department requested ballistic shields as part of their ongoing efforts to provide officers with the necessary equipment to complete their jobs safely. This was requested through the capital improvement projects for FY 25-26 and originally budgeted for up to \$13,000.

Currently, the Lathrup Village Police Department does not have any safety equipment capable of stopping high powered rifle rounds. With several active shooter events around the country, and even in our county, equipping officers with these lightweight ballistic shields allows them to enter a hostile environment with more protection than just their bullet proof vests. Currently, officers bullet proof vests are only capable of stopping handgun rounds, which leave them vulnerable to any rifle rated round. In the event of active shooter, or any other threat where a high-powered rifle round could be used, having a shield in each patrol car is essential for the officer's protection.

The Lathrup Village Police Department sought three bids for the Rapid Deployment Systems lightweight shield III+. This shield is only 11.5 pounds, which assists the officers who need to hold positions on a scene with these shields for an extended period. The three quotes were \$12,554 from Huron Valley Guns, \$11,620.00 from Pro Tech Sales, and \$11,636.88 from Ray O'Herron.

We are asking City Council to approve the purchase of four Rapid Deployment Systems lightweight shields III+ from the company Pro Tech Sales.

**Economic Impact:**

\$11,620.00 in FY 25-26 budgeted for in Capital Improvements.

**Recommended Motion:**

Moved by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_  
to approve the purchase of four Rapid Deployment Systems III+ with Protech Sales for a cost of \$11,620.00.