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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Keith R. Sydnor
Council President Kyla M. Clark
Laurel City Councilmembers

Via: Christian L. Pulley, CPM, City Administrator
Nekesa Matlock, Deputy City Administrator

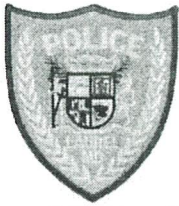
From: Russ Hamill, Chief of Police *REH*

Subject: Approval Request – Handgun(s) Purchase

The Laurel Police Department(LPD) is respectfully requesting approval for the purchase of a new handgun for use by our officers as the new standard issue sidearm for the department.

Project Scope:

LPD command staff directed Department subject matter firearms experts to conduct a review of the usefulness and effectiveness of the current department issued handgun, as well as a study for a possible replacement handgun depending on the outcome of the first step noted above. These studies have led us to the conclusion that the LPD should change to a different platform as our standard issue weapon. We also believe that prudence and safety require that this change be made in a timely manner, as soon as reasonably practicable, which leads to this current request. The study as to which new weapon platform should be adopted led to a final recommendation to consider a number of handguns, with the Walther PDP Professional Full Size 9mm Pistol, 4.5", with Dynamic Trigger, Magwell, three magazines, and ACROP2 direct mounted optics, being the preferred choice by the consensus of our subject matter experts. The preferred handguns (as outfitted above) retail for \$1,749.00 per weapon, but the manufacturer recommended dealer has agreed to sell each weapon to our department for \$933.90 per weapon.



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Recommended Purchase:

The Laurel Police Department was directed to Eagle Point Gun of Thorofare, NJ, as a salespoint for the selected weapon by the manufacturer (Walther) representative. As noted above, the cost of each weapon, outfitted as noted, is \$933.90 per handgun. We respectfully request approval for the purchase of 90 of the recommended handguns at a total cost of \$84,051. It should be noted that another vendor LPD was directed to, could not supply the requested handguns in a timely fashion, leading to the recommendation of this vendor for this purchase.

Funding:

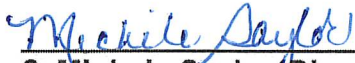
Funding for this project is available via the LPD approved budget by transferring funds approved for other purchases due to the needs and urgency noted herein.

Recommendation:

It is recommended at this time that the Laurel Police Department purchase 90 of the Walther PDP Professional Full Size 9mm Pistol, 4.5", with Dynamic Trigger, Magwell, three magazines, and ACRO P2 direct mounted, from Eagle Point Gun at 1707 Third Street, Thorofare, New Jersey, for a current purchase price of \$933.90 per handgun and a total price of \$84,051.00

Should you have any questions or desire further information, please contact Chief Russ Hamill at 301-498- 0092. Thank you for your kind consideration of this matter of mutual importance.

Reviewed:



S. Michele Saylor, Director
Department of Budget and Personnel Services

8/18/2025

Date