

TO: Kate Thunstrom, City Administrator
FROM: Todd Schwieger, Police Chief
SUBJECT: Police Department Equipment
DATE: February 20, 2024

OVERVIEW:

In efforts to better protect officers during high risk situations the department has decided to provide each officer with a ballistic helmet. The helmets are level III-A and are resistant to certain firearm rounds including 12 gauge shotguns and high powered handguns. Each officer will have the helmets readily available in their assigned squad car during their shift. The helmets will work in conjunction with ballistic vests and shields to protect officers during high risk or volatile situations involving weapons use or the potential for weapons use.

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED:

City Council approval to purchase of 12 high-cut level III-A ballistic helmets from Executive Defense International for all St. Francis police officers.

BUDGET IMPLICATION:

State Public Safety Funds will be used for the purchase of the helmets at \$499.00 each plus \$54.95 for each carrying bag. The total cost of the helmets and bags is \$5,983.40 after a \$664.00 discount.

Attachments:

- Executive Defense helmet quote