

TO: Kate Thunstrom, City Administrator
FROM: Todd Schwieger, Police Chief
SUBJECT: Surplus Property & Replacement of Office Duty Handguns
DATE: May 6, 2024

OVERVIEW:

During the 2023 legislative session the omnibus tax bill included \$210 million in one-time public safety aid. On December 26th, 2023, the aid was distributed to cities across the State of Minnesota. During the October 17th, 2023 Work Session staff discussed and made recommendations on how the public safety aid would be allocated. At that time the City Council was supportive of the police department replacing their current duty handguns with new handguns to include red dot sights.

All St. Francis licensed police officers currently carry Sig Sauer P320 9mm duty handguns with iron sights. The new duty handguns would be Sig Sauer P320 RXP 9mm handguns equipped with red dot optical sights. The benefits of a red dot optical sight are faster target acquisition and more accurate shot placement. The optical sight would be similar to the red dot sight on department rifles making the use of each firearm more consistent with one another.

Staff found that it would be more cost effective to order new duty handguns which include red dot sights rather than adding red dot sights to existing handguns. New duty handguns would be purchased from Sig Sauer as a package deal to include the handgun, weapon light, red dot optical sight and holster for \$938.55 per handgun.

The department has investigated ways to dispose of current duty handguns once the new handguns are put into service. One option would be to sell the existing duty handguns to Sig Sauer in the amount of \$325.00 per handgun. The amount would then be applied to the purchase of the new handguns. A second option would be to allow officers the opportunity to purchase their current Sig Sauer duty handguns for the same amount of \$325.00. The funds raised by officers purchasing the firearms would be transferred to the City's general fund.

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED:

To approve Resolution 2024-16 which declares the police department's current Sig Sauer P320 duty handguns as surplus property.

City Council authorize licensed St. Francis Police Officers the opportunity to purchase current Sig Sauer P320 duty handguns in the amount of \$325.00. Any firearms not purchased by officers would be purchased by Sig Sauer and applied towards the cost of the new firearms.

City Council to approve the St. Francis Police Department to move forward with the purchase of the Sig Sauer P320 RXP 9mm handgun to be used as the duty handgun for St. Francis Police Department licensed police officers.

BUDGET IMPLICATION:

There are currently no budget implications with the purchase. The duty handguns will be funded by the public safety aid that was provided to the police department in 2023 by the State of Minnesota.

Attachments:

- Sig Sauer Quote