

STAFF REPORT



SUBJECT: Authorize the disposition of Police department owned firearms; Purchase of replacements

DEPARTMENT: Police

STAFF CONTACT: Jeff Walker

RECOMMENDATION:

Enter into an agreement with GT Distributors Inc. for the sale of 39 department owned firearms and related equipment and the purchase of replacement pistols and rifles. Authorize the sale of 14 pistols to current active, retired, reserve and deceased officers at the fair market value price of \$200.00/ea. for active, retired and reserve and at \$1/each for the deceased officer's family.

BACKGROUND:

In 2006 the department purchased 40 Sig-Sauer P229 DAK .40 pistols for issue to officers for use on duty. The department also has 8 AR15 type rifles that officers can carry on duty as well. Since that time the department has changed policy to allow officers to carry their personally owned weapons (both pistol and rifle) on duty subject to approval. The majority of officers today chose to carry their personally owned firearm(s).

Both the pistols and rifles have reached the end of their life cycle as duty weapons. In addition 4 other PD owned pistols are available for disposition and not currently being used. All of these weapons were used as duty weapons for the department, none of them were confiscated or a result of forfeiture.

The department would like to maintain a limited supply of duty weapons available for officers who do not wish to use their personally owned firearms or do not have a personally owned duty weapon available.

Out of the 40 Sig-Sauer pistols the department purchased in 2006, 14 officers (to include both active duty, reserve, retirees, and one deceased officer) have indicated a desire to purchase their issued firearm.

Chapter 614 Subchapter D governs the rules for the purchase of firearms by an honorably retired or deceased peace officer. The code states in part Sec. 614.053. PURCHASE PRICE OF FIREARM. A governmental entity shall establish the amount, which may not exceed fair market value, for which a firearm may be purchased under this subchapter.

The department solicited bids on the fair market value of the various firearms and the purchase of replacement weapons. GT Distributors offered a trade-in credit of \$14,036.50. This number does not take into account the 13 pistols that current and former officers wish to purchase.

GT Distributors quoted the highest price for the trade-in value of the firearms at \$359.50 for the Sig-Sauer pistols. Staff recommends the council set the fair market value price of the weapons for active, reserve and honorably retired officers at \$200.00 each. Staff recommends that the purchase price for the deceased officer's family be \$1.

The department wishes to purchase 15 Glock Model 45 MOS 9mm handguns, along with 5 Springfield Saint Victor 5.56 16".

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:

The trade in credit of \$14,036.50 is more than the cost to purchase the 15 new pistols and 5 rifles (\$11,412.00) resulting in a credit of \$2,624.50. The remaining credit amount can be used to purchase holsters, magazine holders and flashlights that may be needed.

ALTERNATIVES

- Seek additional bids.
- Do not sell or replace firearms at this time