



# POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE

**DANIEL T. KELLER**  
CHIEF OF POLICE

September 28, 2022

Rik Kowall, Township Supervisor  
White Lake Township

**RE: POLICE OFFICER BODY ARMOR PURCHASE PROPOSAL**

Current White Lake Township Police Department General Orders No. 1.6.2. Protective Body Armor states the following:

A very large percentage of all police officers are involved in duties which expose them to personal danger. One of the primary safeguards available against such danger is the use of body armor. A study conducted indicated that about one-third of all officers slain in the line of duty may have survived had they worn body armor. It is therefore the policy of the White Lake Township Police Department that the wearing of protective vests is mandatory for on duty uniformed officers.

That general order continues, stating "Uniformed officers are required to wear their personal vest at all times while on duty." At this time, every sworn officer of the White Lake Township Police Department has been issued department purchased protective body armor; however, officers' protective body armor is only warrantied for a 5-year period and several officers' vests are set to pass that time period. There are currently fifteen (15) members of the White Lake Township Police Department with protective body armor vests that are out of their valid warranty date range. Therefore, we have sought a quote from On Duty Gear for the purchase of new protective body armor for those officers with old, unreliable, and out-of-date body armor vests, and we are seeking approval for the purchase of new body armor vests and accompanying vest carriers for each of those officers.

After consulting with the police equipment supply company On Duty Gear, we are seeking approval to purchase the Armor Express Razor II ballistic vest with 5x8 FE ICW ARA Shock Plate and either two (2) REVO-ODG interior vest carriers, or one (1) REVO-ODG vest carrier and one (1) Armor Express Bravo Traverse Dress external vest carrier, with officer nameplate, for each of the officers with expiring body armor. We are also seeking approval for two (2) additional protective body armor vests to replace the expired vests that are regularly used by citizens, outside resources, interns, or cadets while accompanying officers on patrol.

In total, we are seeking approval for the purchase of seventeen (17) new Armor Express Razor II ballistic vests and two (2) vest carriers (internal or external) for each of the officers of the White Lake Township Police Department with out-of-warranty body armor.

NOTE: The Armor Express Bravo Traverse Dress external protective body armor vest carriers were approved for optional use by officers in 2021.

Total costs for the purchase of the listed protective body armor are as follows:

**Four (4) Armor Express Razor II body armor protective vests with two (2) REVO-ODG vest carriers and a 5x8 FE ICW ARA Shock Plate:** @ \$815.00/ea.

**Total:** \$3,260.00

**Two (2) Armor Express Razor II body armor protective vests with one (1) REVO-ODG vest carrier and a 5x8 FE ICW ARA Shock Plate:** @ \$745.00/ea.

**Total:** \$1,490.00

**Eleven (11) Armor Express Razor II body armor protective vests, with one (1) REVO-ODG (underneath) vest carrier, one (1) Armor Express Bravo Traverse Dress (external) vest carrier, ID Tag (nameplate), and a 5x8 FE ICW ARA Shock Plate:** @ \$1,030.00/ea.

**Total:** \$11,330.00

**Total Cost (before federal reimbursement):** \$16,080.00

NOTE: On Duty Gear out of Clinton Twp. is the only company in the State of Michigan that sells the department authorized external vest carriers (Bravo Traverse – ½ molle) by Armor Express.

To offset the costs of the new protective body armor purchases White Lake Township has sought partial reimbursement utilizing the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program through the United States Department of Justice. Through that federal vest purchase reimbursement program, White Lake Township will be reimbursed for half (1/2) of the cost for the new vest purchases up to \$800.00 per vest.

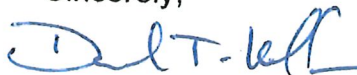
Total protective body armor vest reimbursement through the BVP program: (\$6,372.00)

**Total protective body armor vest costs for the White Lake Township Police Department (After reimbursement):**

**\$9,708.00**

I am requesting the Board approve the total amount of \$16,080.00, with a \$6,372.00 reimbursement at a later date for the purchase of police officer body armor.

Sincerely,



Daniel T. Keller  
Chief of Police

ON DUTY GEAR, LLC  
 44315 N. Groesbeck Hwy.  
 Clinton Township, MI 48036  
 Phone: (586) 463-0099

# Quote

Date	Quote #
9/17/2022	3123

Name / Address
White Lake Township Police Dept. ATTN: Chief Dan Keller 7525 Highland Rd. White Lake, MI 48383

Terms	Rep	Project
Net 30		

Item	Description	Qty	Cost	Total
AE-RAZORIIREVO58	Armor Express Razor Level II, (2) Dark Navy Revolution-ODG Carriers & 5x8 ARA Shock Plate	4	815.00	3,260.00
AE-RAZORIIREVO58	Armor Express Razor Level II, (1) Dark Navy Revolution-ODG Carrier & 5x8 ARA Shock Plate	2	745.00	1,490.00
AE-RAZORIITRAVLA	Armor Express Razor Level II, (1) Dark Navy Revolution-ODG Carrier, (1) LAPD Navy Dress Traverse External Carrier w/MOLLE, ID Tags (POLICE for Back, FirstInitial.Last Name (Example J. WAY) for Front-Grey Letters) & 5x8 ARA-Shock Plate	11	1,030.00	11,330.00
	FREE SHIPPING Quote Valid Through 10/31/2022			

	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,080.00</b>
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