



Police Department

DATE: February 13, 2024

FROM: Dave Draovitch, Police Chief

ITEM: Vendor approval for replacement ballistic plates

REQUEST:

Request permission to purchase replacement special threat ballistic plates through Balco Uniform Inc.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Through the 2023 one-time budget the police department purchased ShotStop special threat ballistic plates from a vendor known as Protector Capital. In October of 2023 ShotStop Ballistics, LLC was dissolved as the result of a federal investigation by the Ohio Department of Homeland Security for fraudulently representing the ballistic certification of certain rifle rated plates. Because of the unknown quality, origination, and certification of our current plates we are requesting to purchase replacement plates from a reputable manufacturer (Safariland) and state contract vendor, Balco Uniform Inc. Balco Uniform Inc. is an authorized and state recognized contractor to sell and distribute the selected special threat plates listed in the North Dakota procurement master service agreement.

RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION:

To avoid unnecessary delays we are requesting the City Commission Grant the police department to utilize Balco Uniform Inc. as the seller and distributor of our replacement special threat plates.

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None