

MUSCATINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

FROM: Brett Talkington, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: City Council Agenda Item

DATE: November 22, 2017

INTRODUCTION:

The Muscatine Police Department intends to purchase a Level IV ballistic shield to be used by the department's tactical team. This was a budget item that was approved in the 2017/18 budget. This shield will provide it's users with an additional level of ballistic protection and will defeat most high power rifle rounds.

BACKGROUND:

The Muscatine Police Department has seen a steady rise in the number of individuals who are in possession of high power assault weapons such as AR-15's, AK-47's and SKS rifles. Over the past couple of years the department has responded to more than one shooting where these types of assault weapons were used. Most recently, the department faced a barricaded subject in a standoff, who was armed with an AR-15.

The level IV ballistic shield is designed to stop the 5.56, 7.62 and other similar rounds that are typically fired from these types of weapons. The shield is 48 inches tall and 24 inches wide and will offer officers a movable barricade of protection during these critical incidents.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

It is the Department's recommendation that the City uses the \$7,000 that was budgeted for the purpose of buying a level IV shield, to purchase the United Shield Level IV Rifle Shield from Kiesler's Police Supply for the amount of \$7065.50. This purchase will also include the cost of a Trolley Carry System that will allow a single operator to control the shield. There will be a \$149.00 shipping/freight fee, which will bring the total cost to \$7,214.50. Kiesler was the lowest quote received.