



City of Muscatine



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council

DATE: August 5, 2021

STAFF

Police Chief Brett Talkington

SUBJECT

Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order for the Replacement of the Police Department's Eleven (11) Rock River Arms AR-15 duty rifles

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Muscatine Police Department is requesting replacement of the department's aging duty rifles to ensure continued reliability and functionality. The City Council has already approved a capital outlay of \$3000 towards this purchase. The department intends to use an additional \$6305 in 2020 JAG grant funding to purchase eleven (11) rifles. Total cost of the rifles is \$9460 plus shipping (\$110) for a total of \$9570. The purchase is \$265 over the budgeted amount, which will be absorbed in the department budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends City Council approve a purchase order of \$9570 to Kiesler Police Supply for the purchase of eleven (11) FN 15 Rifles.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Muscatine Police Department outfits all squad cars with a department owned AR-15 style duty rifle. The department also outfits members of MSORT (Muscatine Special Operations Response Team) with the same style of AR-15 style rifles. Some of these rifles are now nearing 21 years of age and have had thousands of rounds put through them.

It is essential for the police department to replace these rifles to ensure continued functionality. The reliability of department duty weapons is a community safety issue, which cannot be overlooked.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACT

The impact of this purchase will be minimal to the department's budget. The City Council has already approved a capital outlay of \$3000 towards this purchase. The department intends to use an additional \$6305 in 2020 JAG grant funding to purchase eleven (11) rifles. Total cost of the rifles \$9460 plus shipping (\$110) is \$9570. We are over budget due to rifles going up \$40 a piece since last month's quote. We will absorb the remaining \$265 from our budget.

ATTACHMENTS

N/A