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**Chief of Police**



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**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO: Mr. Jim Scholl, City Manager**

**FROM: Donald J. Lee Jr., Chief of Police**

**DATE: April 23<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**RE: Authorize the purchase of 22 Second Chance Ballistic Bullet Proof Vests to replace expiring vests for Police Officers in the amount of \$20,193.00**

**Action Statement:**

This resolution authorizes the purchase of 22 Second Chance Level 3A Ballistic Body Armor/Bullet Proof Vests with carriers from Special Products Group in the amount of \$20,193.00 under the State of Florida Contract for "Body Armor(Protective Vests)", contract #680-850-11-1; Safariland. This purchase is authorized and made pursuant to City Ordinance 2-797(3)(a)(b)(c) and 2-844(a)(b).

**Background:**

The Key West Police Department supplies all sworn officers with ballistic body armor (bullet proof vests) in the best interest of the officer, the agency, and in compliance with the PBA Collective Bargaining Agreement and to meet the mandatory wear policy required by the recipients of the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Grant which the Department has been awarded on an ongoing basis. These vests must be replaced every five years as the useful service life of the ballistic panels degrade over time and lose their effectiveness.

The Second Chance SM02 Level 3A Ballistic Vest has been chosen by the Department for issue to its officers. The Department has purchased all of its vests in the past from Special Products Group who provides on-site vest sizing and excellent customer service to our agency. They also are consistently the low quote vendor on most of our duty gear including the Blauer ArmorSkin external carrier which is not on state contract.



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**Purpose and Justification:**

Ballistic Body Armor is a standard issue item to police officers by police departments nationwide. They offer the officer protection of their vital organs against violent attacks from lethal weapons such as firearms, shotguns, and rifles, and other less lethal weapons such as bats, fists, and to a lesser extent, knives. They also protect vital organs in the event of a serious vehicle accident. The Key West Police Department has a mandatory wear policy in effect for all of its officers conducting patrol and other enforcement activities in the field.

**Financial Impact:**

Funding for purchase of the 22 Ballistic Vests is included in the FY 14/15 Police Department Budget in operating supplies, account #001-2102-521-5200. The City is reimbursed 50% of the vest costs from the BJA Bullet Proof Vest Grant.

**Recommendation:**

It is in the best interest of the Key West Police Department and the City of Key West to purchase the required vests.



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