

# City of Hallandale Beach City Commission Agenda Cover Memo

Meeting Date:		Item Type:			1 <sup>st</sup> Reading		2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
5/3/2023		⊠ Resolution □ Ordinance □ Other		Ordinance Reading	NA		NA
				Public Hearing			
File No.:				Advertising Required			
23-105				Quasi-Judicial:			
Fiscal Impact (\$):		Account Balance (\$):		Funding Source:	Proje		ect Number:
\$48,240		\$60,000		2133-552010		NA	
Contract/P.O. Required		RFP/RFQ/Bid Number:		Sponsor Name:		Department:	
⊠ Yes	□ No	NA		Police Chief Michel Michel		Police Department	
Strategic Plan Focus Areas:							
⊠ Finance & Budget □ Org			anizational Capacity		☐ Infrastructure/Projects		
Implementation Timeline:							
Estimated Start Date: 5/4/2023 Estimated End Date: 9/30/2023							

## **SHORT TITLE:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWELVE (12) LEVEL III BALLISTIC SHIELDS, FROM FEDERAL EASTERN INTERNATIONAL, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY DOLLARS (\$48,240); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

## **STAFF SUMMARY:**

# Summary:

Staff seeks approval for the purchase of twelve (12) Level III Ballistic Shields from Federal Eastern International in an amount not-to-exceed \$48,240 utilizing Police Equitable Sharing Funds for the safety of Hallandale Beach officers. These shields will be purposefully placed with road patrol officers allowing for immediate use during emergency situations.

#### Background:

With the advent of active shooter situations nationwide, Hallandale Beach Police Department (HBPD) must be equipped with the proper tools to respond. With four (4) public schools within the City limits, student safety is vitally important during emergency situations. To better handle incidents, HBPD overhauled the response to active shooter situations with a multifaceted approach.

- HBPD conducted active shooter training with the assistance of Hallandale High School to both train new tactics, to place officers in high stress situations, and to familiarize them with the school layout.
- The City has equipped all officers with new handguns and long guns over the last five (5) years.
- The PD increased the amount of firearms training officers receive surpassing the mandated Florida Department of Law Enforcement standards (FDLE).
- Created the Pistol and Rifle Expert (PARE) program to promote officer shooting efficiency.
- Equipped trained officers with breacher packs for locked door entry.
- Made school maps immediately accessible for all PD personnel.
- Utilized both active shooter and shot detection software.
- Testing a pilot program to staff BSO's RTCC (Realtime) which has access to school campus and emergency events.
- Currently working in conjunction with the Broward School Board in order to get each officer a set of keys that allow access to all four (4) schools with the City.

Purchasing shields to allocate to the road patrol for immediate use in emergency situations is one of the important steps in ensuring the safety of our officers and the community.

#### **Current Situation:**

Currently, road patrol personnel do not have immediate access to a ballistic shield for use in highrisk situations. This delay could cause a situation where the officers must place themselves in danger in order to protect the lives of the residents of the City.

With the increase in gun violence across the nation, coupled with an uptick in school shootings, the access to a ballistic shield during an active shooter situation is paramount. Ballistic shields allow for faster movement and the ability of the officer to go directly to the threat, minimizing both the chance of injury and the potential for further damage.

A Level III Ballistic Shield is made of hard armor and is rated for rifle and handgun protection. The Level III Ballistic Shield has the ability to be carried with one arm by officers while they navigate to the threat, during an active shooter situation.

On March 6, 2023, HBPD staff issued a Request for Quotes to purchase twelve (12) Bellator Rifle Shields to three different (3) firms. The sole respondent to the Request for Quotes was Eastern Federal International and provided pricing in the amount of \$48,240. This item is being brought to the City Commission because the city-wide cumulative expenditures for FY 22/23 with Eastern Federal International is in excess of \$50,000. HBPD made a \$29,000 purchase with Eastern Federal International in FY 22/23 for the purchase of additional police protection equipment.

#### Why Action is Necessary:

Pursuant to Chapter 23, Section 23-4, Competitive Bidding Required, all purchases of and contracts for equipment, supplies and contractual services, when the estimated cost shall exceed \$50,000.00 shall be based on competitive bids. Furthermore, pursuant to Chapter 23, Section 23-6, Award of Contract, the City Manager, shall have the authority to recommend to the City Commission award of contracts.

#### **Cost Benefit:**

The purchase of the ballistic shield will add to the security and safety of officers during active shooter situations.

# PROPOSED ACTION:

The City Commission considers the attached Resolution

# ATTACHMENT(S):

Exhibit 1 – Proposed Resolution

Exhibit 2 – Federal Eastern International Quote

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