



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: December 18, 2012

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Patrol Division, Police Department

SUBJECT: Tactical Patrol Rifle Project: Motor Detail

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Accept a donation in the amount of \$8,000 from the Santa Barbara Police Foundation; and
- B. Approve an increase in appropriations and estimated revenues in the amount of \$8,000 in the Fiscal Year 2013 Miscellaneous Grants Fund for the purchase and installation of tactical patrol rifles on additional patrol motorcycles funded by a donation received from the Santa Barbara Police Foundation.

DISCUSSION:

In March 2002, the Santa Barbara Police Department deployed the AR-15 semi-automatic rifle in all black and white patrol units. The AR-15 was issued to field officers in order to provide superior stand-off capability to protect themselves and citizens when coming into contact with heavily armed criminals.

Santa Barbara Police Department Officers assigned to motorcycle duty are considered, "first responders" and have the same need for a patrol rifle as officers assigned to black and white patrol vehicles. Motorcycle units are often dispatched and respond to the same high priority calls as patrol officers, often being the first to arrive on scene due to their mobility. Currently most of the police Motorcycles are equipped with the rifles and this funding will equip the new motorcycles in our fleet with the same weapons. Equipping our motor officers with a patrol rifle will provide them additional officer safety and give them a tactical advantage against armed suspects in order to protect the citizens of our community.

BUDGETARY/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

A total of \$26,200 has previously been appropriated to purchase rifles for the full motorcycle fleet and secure racks and covers. The donation of \$8,000 from the Santa Barbara Police Foundation will pay for rifles, racks and covers for additional motorcycle units added to the fleet. No City funds will be necessary to complete this project.

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office