



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** March 26, 2013

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Patrol Division, Police Department

**SUBJECT:** Appropriation Of Funds For The Purchase Of Equipment For SWAT Team

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council:

- A. Accept a donation from the Santa Barbara Police Foundation in the amount of \$42,000; and
- B. Increase appropriations and estimated revenues in the amount of \$42,000 in the General Fund for the purchase of SWAT equipment.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The mission of the Santa Barbara Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics ("SWAT") Team is to protect lives in incidents where the public and officers are in extreme danger. The presence of a highly skilled and trained law enforcement tactical unit has been shown to substantially reduce the risk of injury or loss of life to citizens, law enforcement officers, and suspects in such high risk incidents and usually results in a successful and peaceful resolution.

The Santa Barbara Police Department is upgrading and augmenting SWAT Team equipment in order to better protect our community and our officers. The upgrade will include 21 Tactical Noise-Cancelling Headsets, 19 Ballistic Helmets, five fully equipped SWAT Rifles and updated optics and lighting systems for all team members. This equipment will be an excellent enhancement for the SWAT Team. The SBPD requested funds from the Police Foundation to purchase this equipment.

### **BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Funding will be completely through this generous donation and no City funds will be necessary.

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**SUBMITTED BY:** Camerino Sanchez, Chief of Police

**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office