



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** February 4, 2014

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Patrol Division, Police Department

**SUBJECT:** Donation From The Santa Barbara Police Foundation For The Purchase Of SWAT Equipment

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council:

- A. Accept a donation of \$69,400 from the Santa Barbara Police Foundation for the purchase of specialized SWAT equipment; and
- B. Increase appropriations and estimated revenue in the Police Department, Miscellaneous Grants Fund, for Fiscal Year 2014 by \$69,400 for the purchase of specialized SWAT equipment.

**DISCUSSION:**

The mission of the Santa Barbara Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team is the protection and preservation of life in incidents of a critical or high-risk nature. 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. A well-coordinated "team" response to such critical incidents usually results in successful and peaceful resolutions. It is the intent of the Santa Barbara Police Department SWAT unit to provide a highly trained and skilled tactical team as a resource for the handling of high-risk incidents.

The Police Department SWAT unit is proposing to upgrade and augment its equipment in order to better protect our community and our officers. The upgrade will include 10 helmet-mounted night vision kits, 2 night vision scopes for sniper rifles, 2 riflescopes, and 2 bullet-resistant ballistic blankets for citizen/officer rescue and updated optics for 4 entry team members. This equipment will be an excellent enhancement to the SWAT unit.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

The generous donation of \$69,400 from the Santa Barbara Police Foundation will cover the costs of the equipment purchases and increase the Police Department Miscellaneous Grants Fund revenue by \$69,400.

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