



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** May 3, 2016

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Patrol Division, Police Department

**SUBJECT:** Donation Of Equipment For The Police Department

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council accept a donation of three covered shields with upgraded ballistic plates valued at \$4,600 from the Santa Barbara Police Foundation for placement in the three Police Department marked supervisor patrol vehicles.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The mission of the Police Department is the protection and preservation of life in incidents of a critical or high-risk nature. Currently the marked supervisor patrol units are equipped with either an older hard ballistic shield or a ballistic shield with rifle-rated ballistic plates. As ballistic protection technology has advanced, the ability for manufacturers to make lighter options that provide the same or better ballistic protection has advanced. The shields the Police Foundation are donating are able to be folded up to a configuration that resembles a messenger bag for ease of carrying and deployment.

The Santa Barbara Police Foundation is pleased to offer to purchase this life-saving equipment. These upgraded ballistic shields will greatly increase the safety of police officers and citizens in situations where an armed individual or group poses a threat to officers and citizens.

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

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

**PREPARED BY:** Lorenzo Duarte, Lieutenant/LSP

**SUBMITTED BY:** John Crombach, Chief of Police

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