



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** January 24, 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 \$23,220 from the Santa Barbara Police Foundation; and
- B. Appropriate the donation of \$23,220 from the Santa Barbara Police Foundation to the Police Asset Forfeiture and Miscellaneous Grants Fund for the purchase and installation of motorcycle patrol rifles.

**DISCUSSION:**

In March 2002, the Santa Barbara Police Department deployed AR-15 semi-automatic rifles in all black and white patrol units. The AR-15 was issued to field officers in order to provide superior 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, when the motor officers arrive to these dangerous incidents, they are only armed with their handgun and have no vehicle to use as cover/concealment. 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.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Funding for this item will come entirely from the Santa Barbara Police Foundation's donation and no City funds will be used.

**PREPARED BY:** Lieutenant Brent Mandrell, Patrol Division

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

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