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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** David Gill, Chief of Police

**THRU:** David Faaborg, Assistant Chief of Police *df 9-22-22*

**FROM:** Geoff Caldwell, Police Captain

**DATE:** September 19, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Items for Purchase from the Federal Seizure Account #SA22/23-351-01

The following items are proposed for purchase from the Federal Seizure account:

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| 1.   | Firearms/Explosives Detection Dog (MPD SRO K9) | \$100,000 |
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| <p>This request is for the purchase of a firearms/explosives detection dog (VaporWake K9) that will be incorporated into the Mesquite Police Department School Resource Officer Program. The VWK9 is trained to detect the scent of bomb-making materials, gun parts, gun cleaners, and ammunition. The topic of gun violence, and the associated casualties or theories of prevention, are routinely discussed on national news, in our council meetings, and at our schools. Mesquite ISD services 40,000 students and hosts 1,384 regular-season athletic events in a school year. Each event requires planning and security to keep the school and community safe. The time for proactively fighting gun violence in our schools and community is now. With the purchase of a VWK9, the Mesquite Police Department and Mesquite Independent School District will send a strong, proactive message of providing safe schools and a safe community. The cost of the officer position, along with standard patrol vehicle, has already been accounted for via a recently approved budget offer. This seizure request is to implement an explosive gun/detection canine program which will encompass the purchase of the actual detection dog, patrol vehicle modifications, training, accessories, and subsequent recurring fees. No VWK9s are currently being used in a public-school setting in Texas, and with Council approval, this will create an opportunity for the Mesquite Police Department and Mesquite Independent School District to be leaders in school safety.</p> |  |           |
| 2.   | Breaching Equipment/Ballistic Shields          | \$62,000  |
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| <p>This request is for the purchase of breaching equipment and ballistic shields to be distributed amongst Mesquite PD supervisory personnel to assist in the rapid response to an active shooter, breaching events or other high-risk events. Following the events of Uvalde, the Mesquite PD</p>   |  |           |

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conducted assessments of capabilities and needs in reference to breaching abilities in most situations. The MPD Tactical Team currently has sufficient breaching capabilities for most situations; however, officers in other assignments are lacking in their current equipment and training for incidents where a breach is needed without delay. This request is to purchase pry tools, shotgun breaching equipment, and ballistic shields for added protection when completing a breach along with staff recommended accessories. In addition to the equipment, supervisors and officers will be provided with specialized training, allowing them to familiarize themselves with each tool in various situations.

3. Medical Equipment \$20,000


This request is for the purchase of 'active shooter bags' that are stocked with medical supplies, maps, grease pens, active shooter response cards, and other items that could prove useful in mass casualty events. This request comes via a recent evaluation regarding departmental response and capabilities by tactical team members and supervisors who have attended debriefs/seminars in that area. The recommendation is to outfit every marked police vehicle with an active shooter bag containing (4) CAT tourniquets, (2) chest seals, and (1) hemostatic combat gauze (quick clot). In the event of a mass casualty incident, there would be enough medical equipment that all officers will have been trained to perform life-saving measures on a large crowd of casualties.


4. Virtra Accessories \$8,000

This year the Mesquite Police Department implemented simulator training through Virtra Simulator System. This system has been praised by most participants and will be a long-term staple as a key training asset in our department. Currently the only force option available is the use of a modified Glock pistol. This request is to add more force options available to match our current force options by way of (2) Taser 7 simulation cartridge packages and (2) Streamlight TLR-1 light systems (attach to the Glocks so the weight and feel of the pistols closely resemble what our officers carry on duty).

Description of Items	Requested Amount
1. Firearms/Explosives Detection Dog (MPD SRO K9)	\$100,000
2. Breaching Equipment/Ballistic Shields	\$62,000
3. Medical Equipment	\$20,000
4. Virtra Accessories	\$8,000
<b>Total Requested:</b>	<b>\$190,000</b>

  
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**Geoff Caldwell**  
 Captain

**Approved:**  
  
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**David Gill**  
 Chief of Police

  
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**Cliff Keheley**  
 City Manager