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Saint Paul Police Foundation
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On June 14, 2024 the Saint Paul Police Foundation reviewed a donation request from The Saint Paul Police Department for Ballistic Shields.

Law enforcement continues to be a noble but increasingly dangerous profession. Over the last five years, there has been a 150% increase in assaults against Minnesota police officers. Over the last two years, St. Paul officers have experienced a 40% increase in assaults against them. To mitigate risk and injury to officers, the SPPD implements training that exceeds industry standards. Similarly, the department attempts to supply officers with equipment that improves their ability to protect the community while also increasing officer safety when officers are required to go into knowingly and inherently dangerous environments.

In addition to recovering illegal firearms during police investigations, officers are recovering high-powered rifles and fired rifle casings throughout the city. The St. Paul Police Department seeks (5) Vanguard Level III rifle rated ballistic shields. These shields are NIJ (National Institute of Justice) rated to stop 7.62 x 39mm, 7.62 x 51mm, and 5.56 x 45mm rifle rounds. Simply stated, the ballistic performance of these shields will prevent the penetration of the handgun and rifle rounds local law enforcement encounters. The ballistic shields outlined in this proposal each weigh 16.8 lbs and are 21" x 36" in size. The reduced weight of this shield will allow officers of varying size and strength to operate the shield.

The donation request was approved by the foundation in the amount of \$53,694.80.

Sincerely,

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