

Staff Comments
Public Safety Committee Meeting
November 13, 2013

Action Item:

REQUEST APPROVAL TO USE FORFEITURE FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF JUMP BAGS, FIRST AID KITS, GUN CASES AND GUN STORAGE CABINETS (INCLUDING LOCKS AND INSTALLATION EQUIPMENT) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,500.00.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the addition of 115 Jump Bags at the estimated cost of \$2,185.00 and 115 First Aid kits at the estimated cost of \$8,162.70, for a total not to exceed \$11,000.00.

In addition, staff recommends the purchase of 6 Stack-On Gun Security Cabinets, mounting brackets for each gun locker, 6 Bulldog Tactical Extreme Series Cases, 6 padlocks to be rekeyed for police officer access, and 6 high security hasps for the gun lockers for a total not to exceed \$1500.00.

Background: The Overland Park Police Department has been in the process of training and preparing Officers to handle Active Shooter situations. As a result of the various training, it was determined that the necessary equipment to tactically deploy officers in these situations is not in one location or readily accessible. As an example, the shotgun and the AR-15 are mounted between the driver's seat and the passenger seat, one or both would need to be removed. The officer would then need to retrieve extra magazines and ammunition from the trunk or backseat, as well as any added necessities such as a first aid tourniquet, CPR mask, rubber gloves, etc.

Outfitting every car, to include Patrol, Investigations, Patrol Support and PSU cars, with matching jump bags provides all possible first responders with consistent equipment that is readily available. Officers would only need to remove their weapons and bag to respond to the Active Shooter location, thus saving much needed time. These bags would also provide Officers with equipment such as the first aid kit. Since Officers are first to breach locations involving an Active Shooter, equipment such as a first aid kit might be necessary to assist victims or other Officers to sustain life.

It was also determined; School Resource Officers currently keep all necessary equipment, including rifles, in their patrol vehicle. If an Active Shooter situation were to occur, those Officers would need to exit the school, retrieve their equipment and rifles from their patrol vehicle and re-enter the school to engage the suspect.

Installing gun lockers inside the 6 Shawnee Mission schools would allow the Officers to retrieve a rifle and ammunition quickly, should they need to engage immediately. It would also provide safe storage of weapons during school hours. Weapons would be removed daily ensuring safety and security of the weapons during overnight hours.

Budgetary Impact: No budget impact, funds would come from Drug Forfeiture Funds.

Attachments: None