

City of Deer Park

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Legislation Text

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Authorization to donate expired body armor to the non-profit group, Armor of God Project.

Summary: The Police Department currently has 84 outdated ballistic vests. They are considered outdated because the manufacture will only certify and warranty each vest for a period of five years. In the past we were able to incinerate the expired vests at Cleanharbors. This practice stopped when Cleanharbors staff changed their policy and no longer accepted body armor. We have not been able to locate a suitable avenue for disposal until now.

The Police Department proposes to donate these vests to a non-profit 501 C (3) organization known as Armor of God Project. Their EIN number is 47-2994222. This is an organization based in Muscle Shoals, Alabama and is operated by Captain Clint Reck of the Muscle Shoals Police Department.

This organization receives donations of outdated body armor then processes the vests out upon request to Police Officers employed with agencies that do not provide their officers with body armor. Once the officers are approved to receive a vest they must sign a liability release, which states that they will use the vest for law enforcement purposes only. The vests are then shipped to the officers free of charge.

The officers receiving the vests from Armor of God project are aware that the vests are expired and are not covered by the manufacture warranty. They accept the risk associated with wearing an expired vest as the alternative would be not having a vest at all.

Fiscal/Budgetary Impact:

Estimated freight charges:

The cost associated with shipping these vests, which will come from the appropriate police department accounts, is as follows:

Freight (approximately) \$348.46 7-boxes @ \$7.00 per box \$49.00

Total Shipping costs- \$397.46

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