



POLICE DEPARTMENT

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR JERRY DYER

THROUGH: THOMAS ESQUEDA, City Manager  
City Manager's Office

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Police Department

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SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF 300 ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT ISSUED SERVICE PISTOL

OVERVIEW:

In February 2020, the Fresno Police Department (FPD) with Council approval purchased 900 Glock 9mm duty pistol, holsters, and lights. This purchase was to transition the department from the 10-year-old Beretta PX4 Storm .40 cal. duty pistol to the Glock 9mm duty pistol. This transition involved training sworn members of the department on the use of the Glock over a 9-month period. The transition is complete except for officers who are out on long-term absence, reserve officers, and any new hires hired after January 2022.

This was a minimum purchase in order to transition the organization into the new duty pistol but did not expand beyond the scope of projected growth or operational needs. Traditionally, it is normal for the department to have approximately 1,200 duty pistols registered institutionally for issuance and operations.

Currently, we have less than 40 Glock duty pistols available in the vault located at the Regional Training Center. Although the department has completed the regular transition process, we have officers out on Long Term Absence and Reserve Police Officers that still need to be outfitted, as well as new hires and other operational needs which exceeds our current inventory.

Based on this the Department will be out of firearms by January of 2022 and will need to purchase additional weapons to maintain a proper stock and operations. Based on projections, we estimate the need for approximately 200 firearms by July of 2022, and 300 total new purchases for sustained operations.

As part of the review process for determining which duty pistol to purchase for use by sworn personnel, the FPD training unit tested and evaluated five industry standard duty pistols derived from data through the Major City's Chief's Association (MCCA) 2019 survey. The manufacturers represent nearly all the duty pistols currently used by law enforcement agencies nationwide. These pistols are consistent in caliber (9mm), size, weight, and overall capabilities. It is noteworthy the costs below include installed illuminated "night sights."

Based on this we are requesting approval of funding to purchase 300 Glock 9mm duty pistols.

**EQUIPMENT PRICING:**

During the testing and evaluation process, the FPD training unit formed a committee to assist with the selection. Overall, FPD has selected the Glock 9mm duty pistol which has been determined would meet the department's current and future needs. The Glock duty pistol has been in existence for over 30 years, is used world-wide, and is carried by 65% - 70% of law enforcement agencies across the nation. The price of the duty pistol is \$481.00. The purchase agreement and price will be achieved through piggybacking a competitively bid contract from the County of Orange. The contract with the County of Orange and piggyback process has been reviewed by the City of Fresno Purchasing Manager and determined to meet the City's requirements for competitive process.

In order to outfit all personnel, including those on the long-term absence list, new hires, and have a limited quantity in inventory (for replacements due to repair, lost/stolen or OIS involvement), we would need to acquire 300 pistols. Considering the cost of \$481 dollars per gun, the total purchase for the pistols would be \$144,300 plus tax (8.35%) totaling \$156,349.05.

**ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT – PISTOL HOLSTER:**

We would also be required to purchase new duty belt retention holsters, as each holster is specifically designed to a specific make/model handgun. Fresno police would use the same model holster that we currently issue for the Beretta PX4 Storm (Safariland 6280) and total cost for replacement holsters would be \$24,282.00 plus tax (\$80.94 per holster for 300 total holsters required), totaling \$26,309.55.

**ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT:**

The Fresno Police Department currently issues the Streamlight TLR-7 flashlight that mounts on the service pistol which will interchange with all current guns selected for the test and evaluation process. The total cost for the flashlights would \$29,700 plus tax (\$99.00 per flashlight for 300 total flashlights required), totaling \$32,179.95.

**COSTS APPLIED:**

+ \$ 156,349.05 (300 new service pistols)  
+ \$ 26,309.55 (300 new holsters)  
+ \$ 32,179.95 (300 new lights)  
= \$ 217,838.55 (Total)