

**MUSCATINE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator  
**FROM:** Brett Talkington, Chief of Police  
**SUBJECT:** City Council Agenda Item  
**DATE:** May 29, 2012

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**INTRODUCTION:**

The Muscatine Police Department is looking to advance the level of training it provides to its officers through the purchase of Simunition training equipment. This equipment allows the officer to train in a more realistic setting by using marking rounds fired through the officer's assigned weapon. This allows the officer to experience the stress of being under fire, demonstrating to the officer how that stress affects his/her thought process and their ability to accurately return fire. This training is instrumental in teaching the officer how to control their stress and adrenaline, and remain effective in close quarter combat situations.

All of this is accomplished through the purchase of special equipment and ammunitions that will convert the officers assigned weapon to fire non-lethal marking rounds. This would involve the purchase of dedicated training handguns, bolt conversion kits for department rifles, safety equipment for officer protection, and marking rounds for both the handguns and rifles. The safety feature of this equipment is that once the bolt conversion kits are inserted into the rifles, they will not accept or fire a live round. Only the training round will cycle through the weapon. The handguns will have the same safety feature.

**BACKGROUND:**

For the past several years the Muscatine Police Department's Special Response Team (SRT) has conducted training within the Grain Processing Corporation (GPC) complex. The SRT has worked closely with GPC personnel to understand the layout of the complex, the operational risks within the complex, and how the department and company personnel will work hand in hand should a critical incident arise.

Last year, one of the department's SRT members was asked by GPC personnel if the department had any equipment needs that would advanced the team's capabilities and/or level of training. It was decided to request funding for the purchase of Simunition training equipment. This training equipment could not only be used by the SRT but used to train all members of the department. On April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 the Muscatine Police Department received a \$20,000 donation from the Grain Processing Corporation for the purchase of Simunition training equipment.

**RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:**

It is the Department's recommendation that the City uses the \$20,000 donation from the Grain Processing Corporation to purchase G17-T Glock training pistols, Simunition 5.56 Bolt Carrier Converters, 9mm and 5.56 marking round ammunition, and personal protective gear. In addition to this, two Pelican cases for storage of the equipment.

Bids were received for the purchase of the Simunition training equipment with the low bid from the Ray O'Herron Co, Inc. There are no other suppliers for the purchase of the Simunition training equipment.

Bids were received for the purchase of G17-T Glock training pistols with the low bid from the Keepers Co. There are no other suppliers for the purchase of Glock training pistols.

We request City Council authorize the issuance of purchase orders to Ray O'Herron Co. in the amount of \$10,785.00; and Keepers in the amount of \$8,653.00