

WINONA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SUBJECT: SOFT BODY ARMOR

1.0 PURPOSE:

It is the purpose of this general order to define the use and purchase of soft body armor.

2.0 SOFT BODY ARMOR REIMBURSEMENT:

Peace officers who purchase their own vests may apply to the City of Winona and the State of Minnesota for reimbursement.

2.1 The State of Minnesota, upon approval, will reimburse an amount equal to the lesser of one-half of the vest's purchase price or \$300.

2.2 The City of Winona shall reimburse an amount equal to the lesser of one-half of the vest's purchase price or \$300.

2.3 The reimbursement shall not be deducted from any clothing or similar allowance.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

3.1 Only vests that either meet or exceed the requirements of standard 0101.01 of the National Institute of Justice (in effect December 30, 1986) are eligible for reimbursement.

3.2 Eligibility is limited to:

3.2.1 Officers who do not own a vest meeting the requirements listed in Section 4.1, or

3.2.2 Officers who own a vest that is at least six years old.

4.0 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:

The Winona Police Department is not liable to a peace officer or the peace officer's heirs for negligence in the death or injury to the peace officer because the vest was defective, deficient, or not worn properly.

5.0 REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT:

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Officers requesting reimbursement shall submit the following items to the Shift Commander:

5.1 Two copies of the bill of sale (marked "PAID"), which include the name of the company from which the vest was purchased, the name and model number of the vest, and the price of the vest; Agency's name; Name of officer , Post number, and Social Security number.

5.2 Requests for State reimbursement will be sent to Minnesota DPS, 445 Minnesota Street, 1000 NCL Tower, St. Paul MN 55101-2196; or FAX 612-297-5728.