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# City of Palmetto Agenda Item

**Meeting Date**

6/20/11

**Presenter:** Chief Rick Wells

**Department:** PD

**Title:**

**2011-2013 Bullet Proof Vest Program Grant**

The deadline for submitting this application is July 7, 2011.

The City is requesting to submit an application for funding for the Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Program through the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) - U. S. Department of Justice (USDOJ). These funds can only be used for vests ordered on or after 4-1-2011 with all requests for payments being submitted no later than 8-31-2013. There are 15 vests due to be replaced during this time frame.

The BVP program has been updated to reflect a requirement that the Police Department have a written policy mandating the wearing of National Institute of Justice approved body armor. The Palmetto Police Department has met this requirement by General Order #115.

The grant will provide for 15 vests at \$400 each for a total of \$6,000. This grant is a 50% match grant and \$3,000 will be budgeted in Small Tools & Equipment in FY2013. The budget will be notated specifically for the matching of this award.

The grant application and funding is handled through the DOJ Grants Management System. There is no formal written documentation provided or execution of award documents.

**Budgeted Amount:**  **Budget Page No(s):**  **Available Amount:**  **Expenditure Amount:**

**Additional Budgetary Information:** Funds will be budget in FY2013 to provide for the 50% match.

**Funding Source(s):** 2013 **Sufficient Funds Available:**  Yes  No **Budget Amendment Required:**  Yes  No **Source:**

**City Attorney Reviewed:**  Yes  No  N/A **Advisory Board Recommendation:**  For  Against  N/A **Consistent With:**  Yes  No  N/A

**Potential Motion/Direction Requested:** Motion to approve application, authorization for the Mayor to execute necessary documents, and authorization to accept a \$6,000, City required 50% match, US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs Bullet Proof Vest Grant, for a total City expenditure not to exceed \$3,000.

**Staff Contact:** Rick Wells | Poice Chief | 6-14-2010

**Attachments:** Police Department General Order #115 reflecting mandatory wearing of vests OJP-DOJ. Documentation from OJP/USDOJ regarding requirement. Ballistic Vest Issue Log.



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**BVP**  
24  
**DAYS**  
 Due July 7, 2011

**Bulletproof Vest Partnership**



The Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP), created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 is a unique U.S. Department of Justice Initiative designed to provide a critical resource to state and local law enforcement.

Since 1999, over 13,000 jurisdictions have participated in the BVP Program, with \$277 million in federal funds committed to support the purchase of an estimated 800,000 vests. The Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) administers the BVP Program.

**NEW:** The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 BVP application funding period.

Applications for FY 2011 BVP funds will be accepted beginning Monday, May 16, 2011. All applications must be submitted online by 6:00 pm (Eastern Time), Thursday, July 7, 2011.

Please note that FY 2011 BVP funds may only be used toward the purchase of vests ordered on or after April 1, 2011. Each vest purchased with FY 2011 funds must meet National Institute of Justice (NIJ) standards on the date it was ordered. Beginning with FY 2008 funds, the use period for BVP funds will be two years. To draw down FY 2011 BVP funds, vests must be received and the request for payment submitted to the BVP system by August 31, 2013. Each applicant should update their profile before filing an application for FY 2011 funds.

**Planning Your FY 2011 BVP Application**

- Check Prior Year BVP Funds
- Check Your Jurisdiction and Contact Information & Update if Needed
- Be sure that the vests you intend to purchase are on the NIJ compliant list
- FY 2011 BVP Funds can only be used for vests ordered after April 1, 2011.
- Have a written Mandatory Wear policy in place when application is submitted.

For additional information, click [here](#).

**Important Information: New BVP Program Requirements for FY 2011 Applications**

**NEW! UPDATED Mandatory Wear FAQs**

Following two years of declining law enforcement officer line-of-duty deaths, the country realized a dramatic 37 percent increase in officer deaths in 2010. Fifty-nine of the 160 officers killed in 2010 were shot during violent encounters, a 20 percent increase over 2009 numbers. The U.S. Department of Justice is committed to improving officer safety and has undertaken research to review and analyze violent encounters and law enforcement officer deaths and injuries. Due to the increase in the number of law enforcement officer deaths, coupled with our renewed

**Body Armor Safety Initiative**



Body Armor Safety Initiative - An Initiative of U.S. Department of Justice. In response to concerns from the law enforcement community, the Department of Justice (DOJ) announced an initiative to address the reliability of body armor used by law enforcement personnel and to examine the future of bullet-resistant technology and testing. As part of this initiative, the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) has examined Zylon®-based bullet-resistant vests (both new and used) and is reviewing the process by which bullet-resistant vests are certified.

**Body Armor Labels: When In Doubt ... Check It Out**  
[\(Click here for additional information\)](#)

**NEW 04/07/2011: NIJ Body Armor Advisory Notice**

- Galls model AIIAF (Apr. 1, 2011)
- Galls model CIIAF (Apr. 1, 2011)
- PACA model AIIF (Apr. 1, 2011)
- Galls model AIIF (Apr. 1, 2011)
- Galls model AIIF (Apr. 1, 2011)
- PACA model CIIAF (Apr. 1, 2011)

**Note:** BVP Program participants that have ordered, but have not as yet received, any units of the above listed models of body armor, should contact the manufacturer immediately.

**Previous National Institute of Justice Body Armor Alerts**

12/22/2010:

- Pacific Safety Products, Inc. Model 06UG2A8H
- GH Armor Systems Model 06UG2A8H

5/28/2008:

- Model TBL II S6XF
- Model MF34F-06
- Model NFORCE II S6XF-06

8/25/2008: **New National Institute of Justice Body Armor Standard 0101:06**

2/20/2008: **Bullet-Resistant Body Armor Models Removed from NIJ Body Armor List**

**National Institute of Justice Body Armor Safety Initiative Website**

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\*\*All media contacts should be directed to the [Office of Justice Programs' Office of Communications](#).

efforts to improve officer safety, beginning with FY 2011, in order to receive BVP funds, jurisdictions must certify, during the application process, that all law enforcement agencies benefitting from the BVP Program have a written "mandatory wear" policy in effect. This policy must be in place for at least all uniformed officers before any FY 2011 funding can be used by the agency. There are no requirements regarding the nature of the policy other than it being a mandatory wear policy for all uniformed officers while on duty. BJA strongly encourages agencies to consult the International Association of Chiefs of Police's Model Policy on Body Armor and to strongly consider all recommendations within that policy. This policy change was announced in October 2010 by Attorney General Holder after consulting with and receiving input from the law enforcement community.

The IACP has very generously provided both its Body Armor Model Policy and position paper to the BVP program. In order to obtain a copy of the Model Policy and position paper, jurisdictions must be registered with the BVP program. To obtain a copy of the Model Policy, contact the BVP Customer Support Center at 1-877-758-3787 or email [vests@usdoj.gov](mailto:vests@usdoj.gov).

For additional information regarding this new BVP program requirement, click [here](#).

**BVP 50% Match Waiver:** Jurisdictions with 2009 and 2010 BVP award funds may request a financial hardship waiver during the payment request process and receive up to 100% of the cost of each vest submitted for reimbursement. Previously, a jurisdiction was only able to request up to 50% the cost of a vest with their available BVP funds. Jurisdictions requesting a waiver of the 50% match requirement may not use BVP funds toward the purchase of any vest with a total unit cost greater than \$1,200, excluding taxes, shipping and handling fees (if any) to maximize funding for all eligible jurisdictions. All standard BVP vest requirements apply to the eligible vest types.

Additionally, jurisdictions requesting a waiver have to meet criteria of financial or natural disaster hardship. The jurisdictions have to cite the source of their financial hardship during the waiver request process. Jurisdictions will be expected to keep documentation substantiating the financial hardship for four years and realize the waiver requests are open to Bureau of Justice Assistance and Office of the Inspector General audits.

Finally, all applicant jurisdictions, requesting a waiver of the 50% match, are required to certify that the jurisdiction's Chief Executive Officer formally accepts the request for the waiver and confirms the waiver justification provided. The certification must list the highest elected official from the requesting jurisdiction in order to be approved.

**Notice - Check Prior Year BVP Funds:** Prior to completing an application for FY 2011 BVP funds, it is strongly recommended that prior year participants log into the BVP system and check for prior year BVP fund balances and the "de-obligation date"/use expiration date for each year's funds. In some instances the use of prior year funds had been extended. All "Requests for Payments" must be submitted to the BVP system on or before the "de-obligation date" or the funds will be considered expired and will no longer be available.

The complete list of FY 2010 BVP awards can be viewed [here](#).

Historical BVP award information for FY 1999 through the FY 2009 can be accessed [here](#).

For immediate assistance, please call us toll-free at 1-877-758-3787. You may also reach us by email at [vests@usdoj.gov](mailto:vests@usdoj.gov)



# PALMETTO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## General Order 115

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**Title: Personal Body Armor**

**Issued: 04/12/04**

**Effective: 02/25/11**

**Review: Annual**

**Revised: 02/20/11**

**Accreditation Standards: 17.10M, 17.11**

**Scope: All Sworn Palmetto Police Department Personnel**

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**115.01 Issue**

**115.04 Replacement**

**115.02 Description**

**115.05 Written Requests**

**115.03 Care and Maintenance**

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**Policy:** The requirements of police work regularly place officers in positions where they are targets of violence. Body armor has been proven to reduce injuries and prevent death to officers. The Palmetto Police Department will issue personal body armor to all sworn members and will regulate the use of that armor.

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**115.01 Issue:** Each sworn member will be issued personal body armor as part of his or her equipment. All uniformed sworn members must wear their body armor while on duty. All non-uniformed sworn members may wear their body armor or carry their body armor so that it is readily accessible (ex. In their assigned vehicle) while on duty. Any member who possesses body armor of an equal or greater level of protection than that provided by the City (and which meets NIJ Standards), may wear that armor, upon written request of and approval by, the Chief of Police.

**115.01(1)** All on-duty, uniformed supervisors and officers must wear body armor.

**115.01(2)** In pre-planned high-risk incidences, all involved sworn personnel must wear body armor.

**115.01(3)** Unless otherwise provided for in writing by the Patrol Commander, all uniformed personnel on extra-duty assignment must wear body armor.

**115.01(4)** Personnel involved in special details shall be governed by the Special Order issued for the assignment.

**115.02 Description:** The vest most commonly used by the Department consists of front and back ballistic panels, encased in a fabric shell carrier with elastic straps and Velcro closures.

**115.02(1)** The vest shall meet or exceed NIJ Standard for protection NIJ Threat Level II, and shall consistently resist the impact of common handguns at the protection level required.

**115.03 Care and Storage:** The vest is considered an issued item of equipment, which requires care and maintenance.

**115.03(1)** When not in use, the vest will be properly stored in a clean, dry location. The vest may be stored in a case designed for the storage of body armor or in a plastic bag, which allows for the passage of air to release any moisture in the vest.



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### General Order 115

115.03(2) The vest, with regular wearing, requires periodic cleaning. The cleaning and washing instructions specific to the issued vest will be followed.

115.04 Replacement: Body Armor will be replaced as required, taking into account changing protection needs and standards, changing weapons or ammunition, changing personnel dimensions, hygiene factors, and budgetary restrictions.

115.04(1) Any body armor that is shot or otherwise sustains major damage will be immediately replaced.

115.04(2) Any body armor that sustains minor damage will be returned to the manufacturer for repair or replacement.

115.04(3) If employee negligence is found to be the cause of the damage, the employee may be responsible for the repair or replacement costs.

115.04(4) Any damage or condition which may reduce the effectiveness of the vest, including damage or wear to the panels or the carrier, shall be immediately reported in writing to the Patrol Commander thru the chain-of-command. The Patrol Commander will take appropriate action within three working days.

115.04(5) Vest carriers will be replaced on an as-needed basis, by written request to the Patrol Commander.

115.05 Written Requests: Requests for body armor shall be submitted using a Department Supply/Repair Request form and submitted, through the appropriate chain of command.

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**Rick Wells,**  
**Chief of Police**

*Palmetto Police Department*

## Ballistic Vest Issue Log

Officer Name	Vest Size	Vest Manufacturer	Issue Year	Replace Year
Chief Rick Wells	50R	Point Blank	2010	2014
Capt. Rex Hannaford	Custom	Gall's	2009	2013
Lt. Scott Tyler	54L1	Point Blank	2011	2015
Det. Sgt. Steve Greer	58 L3	Point Blank	2010	2014
Sgt. Robert Taylor	XL Reg.	Gall's	2009	2013
Sgt. Mike Stinson	Custom	Gall's	2010	2014
Sgt. Duane Kauffman	Custom	Gall's	2009	2013
Sgt. George LaGasse	Custom	Gall's	2009	2013
Sgt. Mike Johnston	Lrg. Reg.	Personal vest	2009	2013
Cpl. Tom Smith	54 Reg	Gall's	2010	2014
Cpl. Kimberly Camacho	Custom	Point Blank	2010	2014
Cpl. Mike Kelly	Lrg. Reg.	Gall's	2009	2013
Cpl. Garrett Makeever	Custom	Point Blank	2010	2014
Det. Chad Oyler	2X Reg.	Gall's	2009	2013
Det. Ryan LaRowe	58 L1	Point Blank	2010	2014
Det. Chris Cavazos	LG1S1	Point Blank	2010	2014
Ofc. Chad Carnegie	52R	Point Blank	2011	2015
Ofc. David Filipiak	Small Reg.	Gall's	2009	2013
Ofc. Brian Ackerman	Med. Reg.	Gall's	2009	2013
Ofc. Chris Metzger	2x Regular	Point Blank	2010	2014
Ofc. Jennifer Strassner	Custom	Point Blank	2010	2014
Ofc. Chris Leister	Custom	Point Blank	2010	2014
Ofc. Roy Lovett	60R	Point Blank	2011	2015



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Ofc. Jeff Lewis	Custom	Point Blank	2010	2014
Ofc. Luis Martinez	Custom	Point Blank	2010	2014
Ofc. David Burns	XL Reg	Gall's	2010	2014
Ofc. Adam Spatafora	Lg. Reg.	Gall's	2010	2014
Ofc. Nickolas Ligman	52L3	Point Blank	2011	2015
Ofc. George Donahue	54L2	Point Blank	2011	2015
Ofc. Travis Ellison	Med. Reg.	Gall's	2009	2013
Ofc. Doug Marston	52R	Point Blank	2011	2015
Ofc. Luis Espindola	56L4	Point Blank	2011	2015
Ofc. Joe Rogers	XL Reg.	Gall's	2009	2013
Ofc. Tim Matthews	XL Reg.	Gall's	2009	2013
Ofc. Jason Schroeder	XL Reg.	Gall's	2009	2013
R. Lt. Gail Adams	Lrg. Reg.	Gall's	2010	2014
R. Ofc. B. Lathinghouse	2x Long	Gall's	2010	2014
R. Ofc. John McInnis	Custom	Point Blank	2010	2014
R. Ofc. Richard Wilson	2x Reg	Gall's	2009	2013
R. Ofc. Zach Cissell				
R. Ofc. Chris Bauman				
R. Ofc. Duane Miller	52R	Point Blank	2011	2015
R. Ofc. Micah Mathews	50R	Point Blank	2011	2015