

COUNCIL MEETING  
September 27, 2011

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the Torrance City Council  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

**Members of the Council:**

**SUBJECT:** Police – Authorize purchase order for ammunition. Expenditure: Not to exceed \$45,000.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the Police Chief that City Council authorize a blanket purchase order to San Diego Police Equipment Co., Inc. of San Diego, CA, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000, for the purchase of ammunition on an as needed basis for the period beginning September 28, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

**Funding**

Funding is available in the Police Department Range Account.

**BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS**

The Police Department requires officers to qualify with any firearm they use in the field while on duty. Ammunition for bi-monthly qualification is provided by the Department. Additionally, newly hired officers use a large quantity of ammunition during training. Over the past few years, ammunition prices have risen sharply due to higher material costs and increased demand by the U.S. Military. Many ammunition orders for law enforcement go unfilled or are only partially filled by suppliers. The Police Department needs to be able to make ammunition purchases quickly as product becomes available in order to keep up the training regimen and have sufficient supplies in reserve.

**ANALYSIS**

The Police Department's ammunition suppliers must: have adequate stocks of the product on hand to meet ongoing Department needs; offer products at a reasonable price; and be able to deliver ammunition supplies in a timely manner. Experience has proven that San Diego Police Equipment Co. consistently meets the Department's demand for ammunition within these specialized needs. As the only factory-authorized distributor of CCI-Speer, Federal, and Force on Force products in California, San Diego

Police Equipment Co. is the sole provider and therefore falls under the definition of sole source purchases:

**SECTION 22.3.17. EXCEPTION; SOLE-SOURCE PURCHASES.**

b) For purposes of this Section, "sole-source purchases" means those purchases where it would be undesirable or impossible for the City to advertise for bids for particular work or for patented items, or experimental or unique services or products, or where competitive purchases would be unavailable or would not prove advantageous for the City. No sole-source purchases may be made where to do so would show favoritism, improvidence, extravagance, fraud or corruption, or result in the waste of public funds, but may be used only to obtain the best economic result for the public.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. NEU  
CHIEF OF POLICE



By Laurie Anderson  
Business Manager

CONCUR:



John J. Neu  
Chief of Police



LeRoy J. Jackson  
City Manager