

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: June 12, 2018

To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

From: Ann-Marie Taylor, Acting Chief of Police

Re: Authorization to Purchase 2 Sniper Rifles with Accessories
Resolution No. 65-2018

Date: May 5, 2018

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Town Council approve Resolution No. 65-2018 authorizing the purchase of two (2) Accuracy International .308 cal Sniper Rifles with Nightforce Scope from Mile High Shooting in the amount of \$14,522.82 and establishing a total budget of \$17,000.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Police Department's current SOU (Special Operations Unit) consist of 8 members of the department who come together to train and respond to calls for service requiring a specialized tactical response such as search warrants, hostage situations, active shooter and other situations when deemed necessary. Members of the SOU unit require not only require specialized training in order to be prepared to respond to a variety of situations; they required specialized equipment and weapons in order to defend themselves and bring extremely dangerous situations to successful conclusions.

The Department currently has two sniper rifles with night vision scopes that are 12 years old. While the current rifles are functional, they have acquired a large amount of fouling inside the barrels which is detrimental to the shooting accuracy and operation of the rifle. Rifle barrels are precise manufacture and after many years of use and thousands of training rounds, the current rifles are no longer precise. Upon replacement, it is recommended that the current rifles be decommissioned.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

The current rifles are included in the Town's Equipment Replacement Program with a total accumulated depreciation of \$21,612. The requested amount of \$14,522.82, not to exceed \$17,000, would come from the Town's Equipment Replacement Contingency Fund.

PURCHASING REVIEW

This item has been reviewed by the Purchasing Division and approved as recommended.

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW

The resolution was reviewed and approved by the Town Attorney for legal form and sufficiency.

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cc: Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance
Dean Mealy, Purchasing Manager
John Randolph, Town Attorney