

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: December 13, 2022

To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

From: Nicholas Caristo, Chief of Police

Re: Accept Donation of Body Armor from Warren and Allison Kanders via the Palm Beach Police & Fire Foundation with a value of \$377,139

Date: November 30, 2022

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Town Council accept a donation of body armor from Warren and Allison Kanders via the Palm Beach Police & Fire Foundation valued at \$377,139.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Palm Beach Police Department continues to benefit from the generosity of the residents and businesses of the Town of Palm Beach. The Department has recently received intentions of a donation of body armor from residents Warren and Allison Kanders via the Palm Beach Police & Fire Foundation valued at \$377,139. The Kanders are providing the Police Department with state-of-the-art body armor for the protection of the Town's police officers. This donation will provide uniformity and additional rifle-rated protection to all Town police officers.

Per Town Administration Policy No. 1-08-08 (Attachment A), any donation with a value over \$25,000, which is not included in the Town's budget, must be approved by Town Council.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

Currently, the Police Department pays for new officer body armor and existing officer replacement body armor through the regular budgetary process. This donation will impact that process as follows. New officers hired within the next five years will have body armor purchased through regular expenditure account budgeting. Existing officer body armor purchases will not need to be made for the next five years, allowing for a drastic reduction in that budgetary expenditure. In five years' time, replacement body armor will need to be purchased in one larger transaction. Managing that larger replacement will best be accomplished by creating an asset with this donation and depreciating it annually with transfers to the Equipment Replacement Fund.

Attachment

cc: Robert Miracle, Deputy Town Manager
Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance