

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Federal Tax ID: 92-0059987****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

Anchorage - Police Department Patrol Program Rifle Purchase

State Funding Requested: \$463,000**House District: Anchorage Areawide (16-32)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Project will fund the purchase 200 rifles with accessories and instructor development for patrol officers of the Anchorage Police Department. This deployment will compliment the current rifle deployment that is funded through the individual officer's purchases.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$463,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$463,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

N/A

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

In 2010, law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty increased 37% over 2009. From Anchorage to Hoonah, law enforcement agencies all across Alaska felt the increase in violence against officer's rise in 2010. On average, a police officer is killed in the line of duty every 53 hours. While we wait for the US Justice Department to complete the annual Uniformed Crime Report for 2010, we can look to the 2009 report for startling details and clues on how to deal with this problem.

Law enforcement officers can reduce their risk of being assaulted or killed and also minimize the likelihood of injuries (or death) to the public though a strategy that combines training, modern equipment and response protocols. Use-of-force tools, including patrol rifles, have become vital component of this multi-pronged strategy.

Unfortunately, confronting armed and resistant people is part of police work and it happens daily within a large metropolitan police department like APD. Anchorage is not unique and like many western cities our size, our citizens have access to guns and, in particular, rifles. Decades ago, police officers relied on revolvers and shotguns. Today, police agencies have modernized to automatic pistols and rifles as their primary firearms. Advances in rifle ammunition have made the police application of rifles in urban settings common as the new ammunition reduces or nearly eliminates earlier problems with projectile over-penetration.

Beyond the ammunition, there are other very practical reasons that police rifle usage has grown so dramatically. Training

and equipment advances have made rifles easier to handle, aim and fire. Training time to achieve mastery with a rifle is far less than with a shotgun, with smaller statured officers generally finding the modern carbine more comfortable. Advances in sighting systems and the ability to attach numerous accessories have made the rifle the preferred tool in low light and other tough operational environments.

Only members of the Anchorage Police Department's Specialized Weapons & Tactics (SWAT) Team and Canine Unit are issued rifles. When compared to other departments around the State of Alaska and the Alaska State Troopers, the Anchorage Police Department has fallen behind industry standards in the deployment of patrol rifles.

Currently, officers are purchasing their own rifles and subsidizing the training costs by purchasing ammunition and frequently donating their time to train to keep the program afloat. This program has resulted in dedicated officers deploying with a spectrum of rifles and other equipment. This program, while somewhat "hodgepodge," proves its value every day on armed gunman calls, K9 tracks and numerous other high-risk calls.

The goals of this purchase/training request are simple.

1. Increase the density of high quality patrol rifles with modern day/night sighting, dedicated light, tactical sling and magazines within the Anchorage Police Department
2. Ensure that we maintain a focus on "train the trainer" as a force multiplier. This ensures that rifle operators have the confidence and skills to make the best decisions in the field and properly use these weapons, if the situation mandates their use.
3. Begin a standardization of the patrol rifle program to reduce the training, armorer and maintenance costs of the program and develop other efficiencies.

To accomplish these goals the APD would need an additional 200 rifles. Deployment would require 120,000 training and 30,000 duty rounds of ammunition for zero, training, qualification and deployment. Additionally, \$40,000 is requested to send shift and academy instructors to a combination of four different national law enforcement firearms training courses.

Cost Table

Item	Description	Cost
200 x Patrol Rifles W/ Accessories	See Below	\$390,000
150,000 Rounds of Ammunition	120K Training & 30K Duty	\$33,600
Training	See Below	\$40,000
Total Project Cost		\$463,000

(Note: All firearms training offered by the Anchorage Police Department is open to any sworn law enforcement officer or federal agent in the state. Training offered in support of this initiative would be no different)

Rifle Specifications:

- .223/5.56mm Cal Mil Spec Semiautomatic Carbine with 11.5 BBL, Semi/Safe Only Selector, Flat-top w/ out carrying handle, 4-position tele-stock and forward 4x tactical rail system.
- Front and rear flip up sights with Trijicon night site inserts
- Day/Night Tactical Optical Sight

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

- Minimum 225 lumen tactical light with quick release throw lever
- Tactical sling
- 2x20 & 2x30 Rd magazines

Ammunition Specifications:

- Training ammunition shall be factory new .223/5.56mm 55 grain ball (full metal jacket) ammunition of any USA manufacture.
- Duty ammunition shall be Hornady .223 Remington 55 grain TAP (Tactical Application Police) (This is the only authorized rifle duty ammunition for patrol officers.)

Training:

Training costs are calculated on an average per instructor/trip basis. Costs include all transportation, lodging, per diem and equipment costs. Approved instructor or advanced skills classes are offered through the facilities (organizations) below. All training facilities are nationally recognized for excellence by law enforcement/military trainers. Exact courses would be determined by the operational demands of the department matched against the availability of courses. All attendees would be currently certified APD & Alaska Police Standards Council approved rifle/carbine instructors.

- Thunder Ranch
- Gunsight
- Sig Sauer Academy
- Xe Services Academy
- NRA

Project Timeline:

Department will complete purchase within 12 months of funding.

Deployment will require 12-24 months, depending of operational demand on the patrol force.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Anchorage Police Department

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

Anchorage Police Department Patrol Rifle Project

The modern patrol rifle has evolved very quickly along with similar rifles used by our military forces. While at its core, the basic rifle is relatively unchanged, the ergonomics of the

weapon have developed greatly. Collapsible stocks, coupled with shorter barrels make modern rifles more compact and suitable for urban use. Their reduced size and use of vertical fore-grips make these rifles easier for smaller statured officers to control. Rifles are easily equipped with both iron and optical sights, lights and other features due to accessory rails. These new sights and lights have greatly enhanced the rifles performance in low light environments.



Rifles are the tool of choice for officers during any high risk call. These calls include active shooters at schools, K9 tracks, robberies, burglaries and all other armed subject calls. The ability of the officer to deliver accurate fire on a discrete target during low light is invaluable. Departments in both rural and dense urban areas have adopted rifles for their patrol officers. Rifles are no longer considered a tool solely for SWAT teams.

At the core of any successful law enforcement program is training and this is particularly true for firearms. Instructor development is considered as essential as the tool itself when modernizing a firearms program. Instructors set the standards for training and deployment, ensuring safety during rigorous drills and then enforcing those same standards in the field. Proper instruction is insurance for proper deployment. Quality law enforcement instructors are required to know, teach and demonstrate skills to other officers and, when called upon, lead those same officers in the field.

