

Rotary Club Aledo Texas

District 5790

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Riot Gear Willow Park Police Department

Executive Summary

District grant funds would be used to purchase 3 full sets of riot gear for the Willow Park Police department.

The purpose of our project is to help with the resources needed in our small community police department. Willow Park Police Chief Carrie West states that “it is our mission to partner with the community to reduce and prevent crime through collaboration, partnerships and community policing to ensure the City of Willow Park is a safe place to live, work and visit.” Aledo Rotary Club wishes to support our local police in helping provide not only for their personal safety but ensure safety of it's citizens.



Cost:399.00

<https://www.gtdist.com/edi-usa-turbo-x-riot-suit-full-universal-size.html>



Cost \$129.00

<https://www.gtdist.com/catalogsearch/result/?q=paulson%20body%20shield>

Background and qualifications:

Police Chief West will authorize all 13 police officers to be trained for crowd control and able to respond to events in and around Parker County. Captain Daniel Franklin will be responsible for training with new gear and equipment maintenance. Training should be complete 6 months after acquisition of equipment. Currently Willow Park Police Department was awarded, "Recognized Agency with Texas Police Chiefs," they are fully staffed, and have graduated the 2nd class of Citizens on Patrol, and the 1st class of Clergy and Police Alliance Class (CAPA).

Statement of Community need:

Board member for Rotary, and Judge Martin says, "Financial resources from local government, especially in smaller cities such as Willow Park, for specialized law enforcement equipment is extremely limited. Aledo Rotary feels that it is our duty as citizens, and also considers it an honor to help provide our local law enforcement S.W.A.T team with equipment specifically designed to protect them when they put their life on the line for their community."

Community business owner, military veteran, and President of Aledo Rotary club Dr. Skelton adds, "Currently, the Willow Park Police Department is not equipped with the required defensive gear to protect our community and enforce safety during economic upheaval and disagreements. As they serve and protect, they must have sustainable gear to protect the

entire body with no vulnerable spots to exploit. The use of the riot gear will enhance the ability to deter, discourage, delay, and/or prevent hostile and threatening actions. Additionally, the gear will be used to train personnel within the department, a cost-effective approach.”

Evaluation Methods:

It is our hope that this gear never needs to be implemented, but we have seen that even small towns can be affected by unexpected events. It will provide a layer of protection to the people who serve us, sometimes with their own safety.