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Gregory S. Sly Chief Probation Officer

February 26, 2013

Terri Daly, Chief Administrative Officer 300 Fair Lane Placerville, CA 95667

RE: Ballistic Vests Donation

Dear Ms. Daly:

We are interested in donating 27 of our expired Point Blank Body Armor Vests and 8 Second Chance Armor Vests to the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District for their Tactical Medical Team. They provide training to Sacramento area law enforcement agencies (please see attached letter from Jim McDade, Firefighter/Tactical Medic).

We have contacted Amy Sargent, Community Services Officer with the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office. CSO Sargent indicated they do have a need for 12 of the Point Blank Body Armor expired vests. We are in the process of completing an Interdepartment Property Transfer Request form (see attached forms 5920 and 5921).

We would like to donate the remaining 35 vests to the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District.

Sincerely,

GREGORY S. SLY Chief Probation Officer

Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District



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KURT P. HENKE Fire Chief

Mrs. Walker,

8 November 2012

I am sending this letter to you in an effort to illustrate the non-protective uses my team has in mind for this surplus equipment, currently owned by the El Dorado Probation Department. Sacramento Metro Fire has a Tactical Medical Team, made up of 12 men who provide tactical medicine to several Sacramento area law enforcement agencies; the Sacramento Sheriff's "Special Enforcement Division" S.E.D./S.W.A.T., the Citrus Heights Police Dept. S.W.A.T., and the Sacramento Office of the F.B.I. S.W.A.T.

The nature of this assignment calls for a fair amount of ongoing training. We train together <u>each month</u> on our own, and regularly, *with each team* that we are assigned to. The training is rigorous, and quite demanding of our equipment. Much of the training involves low crawling, and dragging, of downed officers/operators in the "Operator Down" training scenarios. This training is tough on our uniforms, and particularly tough on our very expensive ballistic carriers and ballistic plates.

Two years ago, we were able to obtain uniforms, combat helmets, and level IIIa ballistic carriers (vests) with level III+ ceramic plates. This was through the Sacramento, Urban Area Security Initiative (U.A.S.I.) grant process. It is our intention to use this equipment for emergent call-outs, and high-risk warrant services only, due to the high cost of the equipment, and the very real difficulty in replacing any damaged pieces.

The donation of equipment by the El Dorado Probation Department to Metro Fire T.E.M.S., would greatly benefit the training of our personnel, as well as those personnel of the law enforcement agencies that we train with. I believe the equipment owned by the El Dorado Probation Department can be donated to another government agency, or those that are tax-exempt 501 (C) (3) under subsection "B" of government code 25372.

Regards,

James D. McDade Firefighter/Tactical Medic