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**IMPERIAL CITY COUNCIL
 AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approval of firearm Donation to the Blythe Police Department	
DEPARTMENT INVOLVED: Police	
BACKGROUND/SUMMARY: The City of Imperial Police Department seeks City Council approval to donate six surplus firearms to the Blythe Police Department. The firearms include four Heckler & Koch (H&K) MP5 submachine guns, one Remington 700 Rifle, and one Ruger Mini-14 rifle. These firearm platforms are no longer in use by the City of Imperial Police Department due to operational changes and the Department's standardization of equipment. The donation will allow the Blythe Police Department to utilize the firearms for law enforcement purposes where they are needed. The transfer will help ensure that these resources are effectively used to support public safety while avoiding unnecessary storage or disposal costs. The Blythe Police Department has agreed to complete all required paperwork, including Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) transfer documentation, to ensure the donation complies with all federal, state, and local regulations.	
FISCAL IMPACT: NONE	FINANCE INITIALS <u>JMS</u>
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve	DEPT. INITIALS <u>MS#44</u>
MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: <p style="text-align: center;"><i>approve</i></p>	CITY MANAGER'S INITIALS <u>OTHM</u>
MOTION:	
SECONDED: AYES: NAYES: ABSENT:	APPROVED () REJECTED () DISAPPROVED () DEFERRED () REFERRED TO:



**CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 14, 2025

SUBJECT: Acceptance of equipment Donation

PRESENTED BY: Garth V. Dale, Chief of Police

PREPARED BY: Garth V. Dale, Chief of Police

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the City Council accept the donation of six firearms from The City of Imperial for use by The Blythe Police Department.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$50.00 upon delivery for cleaning supplies. Estimated average cost of \$50.00 a year for maintenance.

BACKGROUND: The Blythe Police Department Administration is constantly searching to improve equipment used for law enforcement services. Often, we are unable to obtain modern equipment because of budget restraints and search for used equipment that can be donated by other departments. An example of this was the much-needed mobile command post obtained in 2023 from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. The City of Imperial is willing to donate 6 firearms to The City of Blythe for use by The Blythe Police Department once the firearms are inspected by POST certified, in-house armorers and transferred as required by The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

STAFF REPORT: Staff has been in contact with Chief Reel of the Imperial Police Department. Chief Reel has offered to Donate, with approval from the Imperial City Council, 6 firearms his department no longer has a use for. These firearms are of a type and caliber that The Blythe Police Department can use for special operations and emergency response.

Based on the need of this equipment by public safety, and cost savings of accepting it as a donation, staff recommends accepting the donation from the City of Imperial.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Inventory of Firearms to be donated.

Aaron Reel

From: Garth Dale <gdale@cityofblythe.ca.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2025 5:15 PM
To: Aaron Reel
Subject: Surplus Firearms donation request
Attachments: Imp Gun list.docx; Imp PD donation Staff Report-Draft.doc

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Hello Chief Reel,

Please accept this as a formal request for donation of 6 firearms from the City of Imperial to the City of Blythe. If approved, we will complete the transfer per ATF requirements on an ATF form 5. I have included a copy of our staff report for our City Council approval and a detailed list of the requested firearms.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter

Sincerely,

Garth V. Dale
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