



Office of the City Manager

November 28, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: *Dee* Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Subject: 1033 Program Report

On November 14, 2017, City Council approved Item 19, regarding the Department of Defense's "1033" program. With this item, Council requested "a report on the dates, contents and uses of the transfers of material to the Berkeley Police Department through the 1033 program that have occurred to date." This memorandum serves to report on the information as requested by Council.

The program provides a website where lists of available equipment can be viewed. Staff has access to this site. In 2016, staff looked at the program in order to explore the possibility of acquiring a second robot for the Emergency Ordinance Disposal ("EOD") unit, commonly referred to as the department's "bomb squad." EOD Units are subject to Federal certification. An EOD Unit is required to have at least one robot, which keeps officers safe when dealing with potentially lethal explosive devices. The desired robot cost approximately \$170,000 and would represent a valuable, additional resource for our Department. However, the equipment we sought is currently unavailable. We have registered our interest with the program, and will seek Council approval should the equipment become available. Our existing robot was obtained through UASI grant funds years ago.

While some staff remember procuring ballistic helmets through this program over ten years ago, they were ultimately not useful due to size, and they have not been a part of the Department's inventory for many years. Protective helmets are critical, as demonstrated this spring when individuals at social media-driven protests threw quarter sticks of dynamite at officers' heads.

The Berkeley Police Department currently has no materials received through this program.

The Berkeley Police Department is dedicated to serving according to our community's values. Our purchases of equipment – as with the implementation of policy,

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development of training and daily practices – also seek to mirror those values. Our pursuit of outside funding is part of our commitment to reduce costs to Berkeleyans while improving our service to our community.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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