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# **Extension of Annual Contract for Concealable Body Armor**

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# Presentation Overview

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## **Concealable Body Armor Contract**



## **Background**

- December 2019: Contract with Nardis, Inc. for concealable body armor to protect uniformed police against projectiles
- Specifications per National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Standard 0101.06 (dated July 2008)
- Initial 3 year term (Dec 5, 2019-'22) plus 2 additional 1-year renewals (Dec '22-'23) and currently in final year (Dec '23-'24).

## **ISSUE**

- SAPD requests to extend the contract 2 more years, from Dec 5, 2024-'26

# National Institute of Justice Certification Status

## Concealable Body Armor Standard

- SAPD body armor complies with NIJ Standard 0101.06
- Standard approved by NIJ in July 2008
- New standard being created. The NIJ 07 guidelines were released and the NIJ certification process will begin in February 2025.
- Under current contract, SAPD purchases the NIJ 06 model
- SAPD requests to extend the current contract to purchase NIJ 06 model vests to give enough time for the NIJ 07 certification process to conclude.

# National Institute of Justice Certification Status

## Concealable Body Armor Standard

- All SAPD officers are required to receive a protective vest from the department (CBA Article 10, Section 5)
- Labor Relations Committee (LRC) conducts its own testing and makes recommendations to SAPD.
- Recommendation to extend current contract for the NIJ 06 standard model until the new NIJ 07 standard is approved and goes into effect, and LRC can test.

# Recommendation

- Staff recommends approval to extend the annual contract for Concealable Body Armor for a two (2) year period from December 5, 2024 to December 4, 2026.





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