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Honorable City Council Members
City of Mount Vernon
1 Roosevelt Square
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Subject: Request for Legislation to Accept Donation of 157 Tactical Vest Carriers

Honorable Councilmembers,

I am writing to formally request that the City Council approve legislation to allow the Mount Vernon Police Department to accept a generous donation of **157 Safe Life Defense Tactical Vest Carriers** from the Mount Vernon Police Foundation. In addition to the Tactical Carriers, the Foundation would also like to donate personalized patches for each officer, including a shield patch, name tag, MVPD back patch, and the Police Foundation sponsorship patch. **The cost of the 157 Tactical Vest Carriers is \$38,796.10 and the patches for the vests are \$8,178. The total cost for both the Vest Carriers and the patches is \$46,974.10.**

The mission of the Mount Vernon Police Foundation is to solicit, collect, and raise funds to support and enhance the activities of the Mount Vernon Police Department. The Safe Life Defense Tactical Vest Carrier is designed with top-loading, low-profile rifle plate pockets on the front and rear, offering a fast, comfortable, and secure fit for officers.

Should this request meet with your approval, we kindly ask that the necessary legislation be enacted to facilitate this donation.

Sincerely,

David Gibson
Commissioner of Public Safety

CC: Mayor
Comptroller
Law