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## **Dallas Police Department Provides Heavy Body Armor for Patrol Response Teams**

The primary duty of the Dallas Police Department is to protect the lives and democratic rights of all of our citizens. The department is also deeply concerned about the safety of our officers as they perform this duty. Recently, there has been an increased threat to officer safety with ambushes on police officers and active shooter situations across the country.

As a result, the Dallas Police Department has made an initial purchase of 205 ballistic heavy vests and 205 ballistic helmets for the response teams at every patrol station. The cost of this initial investment in the personal safety of our officers was over \$200,000. Officers will be authorized to wear this equipment during any situation where they anticipate an elevated threat to their safety.

The goal for the future is to outfit all officers who have any type of field responsibility with this higher level of ballistic protection.

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