



# City of Denton

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## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** Police Department

**ACM:** Sara Hensley

**DATE:** January 14, 2024

### **SUBJECT**

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Standardization of Police Department-Issued Firearms.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Police Department will provide a presentation on a plan to purchase and issue standardized firearms to incoming recruits and replace those carried by current officers. This purchase will include handguns, patrol rifles, training devices, and less-lethal munitions devices.

Currently, the Department does not issue firearms. Officers are required to carry personally owned pistols and rifles on duty. The purchase of these items is a significant expenditure for new employees and is inconsistent with the practices of comparative cities. As such, it represents a potential factor in the department's recruiting efforts. Additionally, personally owned firearms present a challenge when they require maintenance or repairs, as replacement weapons are not available.

The Department recommends using available funds within the Police Confiscation Fund to support the initial project implementation through fiscal year 2030. The estimated total cost for this period (FY2025-2030) is approximately \$1.1 million. In the following fiscal years, the department intends to request additional funding from the General Fund.

### **PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)**

None.

### **FISCAL INFORMATION**

Police Confiscation Fund - 309

### **EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – Standardization of Police Department-Issued Firearms Presentation

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