

**VILLAGE OF BECKEMEYER  
POLICE**

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Chief Jon LeCroy**

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**Hello,**

**I just wanted to take a moment to thank the USDSA, for their dedication to helping Law Enforcement. There are multiple options for larger agencies that wish to obtain equipment, however not for smaller agencies, that face the same obstacles. In my opinion, larger departments do not represent, the majority of policing in the United States. Police agencies are all too often comprised of men and women who reside within or near the jurisdiction that they serve, on a part time basis. They are dedicated to providing safety in underfunded communities.**

**Recently, I was browsing the internet for equipment programs for agencies of my size and budget. My agency consists of five part time officers, that serve full time for other agencies. When I discovered the USDSA, I applied for multiple items that could assist us with catastrophic events. One of the items I explained that could be of benefit was a ballistic shield. Having limited success with grants and funding assistance, I was skeptical. The next morning, I was contacted by Mike, who without hesitation advised, that the Beckemeyer Police Department was eligible for assistance through the USDSA. Mike told me that he could have a shield ordered and sent to me completely free. I was ecstatic when we recently received a Paraclete Hoplite Level III A shield. This shield will provide safety and peace of mind to our officers, better enabling them to focus on their tasks during high-risk encounter. I cannot thank the USDSA enough.**

**Respectfully,**



**Jon LeCroy**

**Chief of Police  
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