

Dear USDSA,

Recently the Blue Rapids (KS) Police Department applied for Donated Safety Equipment from USDSA. We applied for assistance with mats for our defensive tactics program. We did not have mats. USDSA approved the request and provided 6 mats.

The mats are important to BRPD because our defensive tactics program covers how to survive and restrain subjects on the ground. We have a certified instructor, but we did not have equipment of our own to train. As we know, shift work doesn't always conform to external scheduling very well. These mats will allow us the ability to continually train when our staffing allows. This ability will dramatically change the frequency we are able to train.

The mats also allow us to team up with other departments and do joint defensive tactics training. All departments in the are small with limited budgets. The mats allow us to train together. Recently we used the mats to put on a community self-defense class.



Your program is serving a critical role for smaller departments with budget constraints. You are doing meaningful work.

Our sincere thank you.

Respectfully,
Officer Anthony Escalante
Blue Rapids (KS) Police Department