

Dear USDSA,

Recently the Marysville (KS) Police Department applied for Donated Safety Equipment from USDSA. We applied for assistance with ballistic helmets. Our officers did not have ballistic helmets at the time of request.

USDSA approved the request and provided 5 helmets.

The helmets are important to MPD because we handle all our own high-risk situations. There is not a local or multi-jurisdictional emergency response team to utilize. If we need tactical team assistance, we only have the Kansas Highway Patrol to ask. Therefore, we handle nearly all our own incidents. We have multiple officers trained in specialty team tactics, techniques, and procedures. But we lack equipment. The helmets are a HUGE step in remedying that deficiency.

The helmets will provide an added degree of protection for our officers handling high-risk incidents.

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

Our sincere thank you.

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