

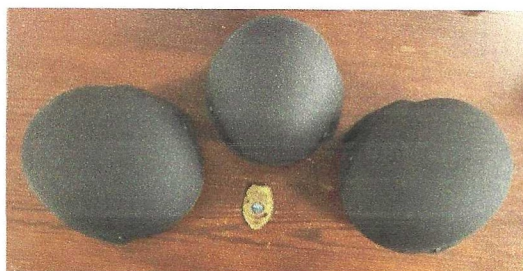
April 24, 2023

United States Deputy Sheriff's Association

Dear USDSA,

Recently the Blue Rapids (KS) Police Department applied for Donated Safety Equipment from USDSA. We applied for assistance with the purchase of ballistic helmets. We did not have ballistic helmets for the department.

USDSA generously provided three ballistic helmets. We are a small department. We may not have time to wait on a regional or state response team in the event of an emergent threat. The three helmets will allow our staff the ability to quickly deploy a new (not refurbished or surplus) helmet that is sized to our officers. We have two male officers who are big men wearing an XL helmet. And we have a female officer with a much smaller head. The three helmets allow us to size them correctly and assign them to the appropriate staff. That is an important benefit.



Your program is serving a critical role for smaller departments with budget constraints. You are doing meaningful work that our department greatly appreciates.

Our sincere thank you.

Respectfully,

Officer Anthony Escalante
Blue Rapids (KS) Police Department