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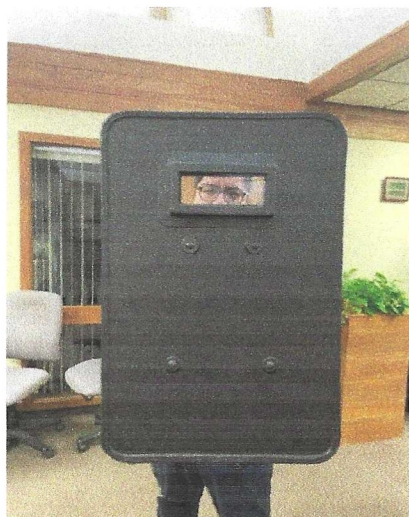
United States Deputy Sheriff's Association

Dear USDSA,

Recently the Marysville (KS) Police Department applied for Donated Safety Equipment from USDSA. We applied for assistance with the purchase of a ballistic shield. We did not have mats or a shield.

USDSA generously provided a ballistic shield.

We received a ballistic shield from USDSA in a previous year that was put to use. We had a felony warrant on a subject with a violent history to include violence against law enforcement. He was involved in a barricaded incident with local departments while armed with multiple guns in the past. The subject was believed to be in the house with time to barricade himself. We had a team member already trained in shield operations and we deployed the ballistic shield in the execution of the search warrant for the individual. We would not have had a ballistic shield available to the team without the assistance from USDSA. The new shield will provide us a shield in each patrol lieutenant vehicle. This will provide us a shield on the road with each patrol team, making us more operationally ready regardless of which supervisor is on duty.



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,

Lieutenant Anthony Escalante

Marysville (KS) Police Department