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Saint Paul Police Foundation
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On June 14, 2024 the Saint Paul Police Foundation reviewed a donation request from The Saint Paul Police Department for Breaching Tools.

The Saint Paul Police Department requested funds to purchase breaching tools for every operational and specialty unit squad, and regularly provide 911 response in our community. Currently, we only have breaching tools in the sergeant's cars for deployment, and they need to be in every squad. We have learned through post-event reviews that in crisis situations when lives are being taken, officers need the tools to gain access as responders begin arriving on the scene, not responders arriving and requesting additional responders bring and deliver the requested equipment.

The requested funds will supply 150 sets of breaching tools for deployment across the community. The equipment being considered from Macqueen (MXREX Fire hooks MAXX Bar, six # fiberglass flat head ax, and marrying strap) is already in use in our department and the Saint Paul Fire Department (SPFD). The addition of these requested tools will allow responders to gain access and defeat secured buildings' exterior and interior doors in a timely capacity. The unfortunate events at Uvalde, Texas, where an entire class of children and their teacher revealed the need for immediate responder action to stop the loss of life. Our officers are currently trained in the use and application of these tools, but they do not have them readily available.

The donation request was approved by the foundation in the amount of \$56,000.00.

Sincerely,

Kristen Sheehan

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