

ENS Employee Notification System

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



Body Armor: Continued Follow-up

Information to employees from Acting Police Chief Joe Yahner, PPSLA President Mark Hafkey, and PLEA President Joe Clure:

On November 26, 2011, Officer Anthony Daley #9190 was shot and seriously wounded while on-duty. Although Officer Daley was wearing a ballistic vest, a Smith and Wesson .40 caliber round penetrated the full thickness of the Kevlar material approximately 3/8 of an inch (20mm) above the lower left front panel edge of the vest. A National Institute of Justice certified laboratory conducted a test on a Custom Armor Technologies IIIA ballistic vest. The test demonstrated that the vest failed to stop a .44 Magnum bullet; however, **the vest did stop a .40 caliber bullet.**

All officers are encouraged to check their vest for the following specifications:

Custom Armor Technologies
Model #QVA-3A-1
Serial #03005357
Level III A
Manufactured May 12, 2008
Lots #400010122119 and #1000076399
Size XXLL1

If you currently wear a Custom Armor Technologies ballistic vest with the above nomenclature you are asked to notify your administrative sergeant. Administrative sergeants will need to contact Sergeant Paul Taylor in the Office of Administration with the officers' information at 262-5032.

The Police Department, Unions, and City representatives are continuing discussions with the National Institute of Justice and the manufacturer to determine a course of action on a potential vest replacement program. In the interim, **it is recommended that officers that own this vest model continue to wear it.**

Questions regarding body armor ballistic properties should be directed to Sergeant Bret Draughn at the Training Bureau, 262- 0671.



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