



# City Council Report

**Date:** November 20, 2023  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Michael Kennington, Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer  
**From:** Edward Quedens, Business Services Director  
Kristy Garcia, Procurement Administrator  
**Subject:** Cooperative Contract Use for the Purchase of PepperBall Launcher Equipment and Supplies for the Mesa Police Department **(Funded by Senate Bill 1720, Arizona State Treasurer) (Citywide)**

## Purpose and Recommendation

Council is requested to approve the award as recommended.

The Police Department and Purchasing recommend authorizing the purchase using the Maricopa County cooperative contract with Safeware, Inc. at \$250,000, based on estimated requirements.

## Background / Discussion

Under Senate Bill 1720, the Arizona State Treasurer has appropriated \$250,000 to the Mesa Police Department as one of three (3) cities to pilot a PepperBall program. This program is intended to test a less lethal force option when faced with resistance or crowd dispersal without significant bodily injury.

This purchase will provide 84 PepperBall TAC-SA semi-auto launchers and other required equipment for the pilot program. Staff obtained quotes from existing vendors Diamondback Police Supply, Proforce, and Safeware. Safeware provided the most advantageous pricing.

The Maricopa County cooperative contract has been competitively bid and meets the City's procurement requirements. Purchasing the equipment from Safeware using this cooperative ensures the Department is receiving the best prices, increases the number of supplies that will be ordered, and simplifies the ordering process. Safeware has two other cooperative contracts with OMNIA Partners and Sourcewell, however, the Maricopa County cooperative provides lower pricing and does not have administrative fees.

## Purchase Information

Action: Award  
Procurement Type: Cooperative Contract Use  
Contract Number: 2024051  
Contracting Agency/Contract Number – Maricopa County/#210237-C  
Quote Number: 10052146 (8/14/2023)  
Local Consideration: Policy did not apply to this procurement method  
Protests Received: None  
Funding Source: Police Department operating budget through Senate Bill 1720, Arizona State Treasurer