



# Lumpkin County, Georgia

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## Finance Department

**Date:** April 2, 2015

**Agenda Item:** Funding Opportunity  
US Department of Justice  
Bulletproof Vest Partnership  
Law Enforcement – Safety Equipment

**Item Description:** The US Department of Justice through its Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BPV) has announced the Fiscal Year 2015 application funding period.

**Facts & Historical Information:**

In 2001, Lumpkin County received the first of seven BVP awards totaling \$50,217.72. The most recent award was in 2014 in the amount of \$8,470.10. These grants when combined with local funds have enabled the County to purchase one hundred and twenty-seven bulletproof vests for its law enforcement officers while minimizing the impact to its operating budget.

**Potential Courses of Action:**

- A. Submit an application for funding assistance to replace existing equipment.
- B. Identify and utilize local funding to replace existing equipment.

Each year, the Sheriff's Office is faced with replacing existing equipment which has reached the end of its useful life (five years) and must budget accordingly. For that reason, Option A is the preferred course of action in that it has the potential to minimize the budgetary impact resulting from the acquisition of essential safety equipment.

**Budget Impact:** Should the Board desire to authorize the submission of a BPV funding application, the Budget and Grant Analyst will coordinate efforts with

**Budget Impact  
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appropriate staff from the Sheriff's Office to determine the number of vests needed. Based upon this information, the Budget and Grant Analyst will prepare an application.. The County may utilize funds budgeted for equipment purchases to meet the required local match.

If awarded, the County will be eligible to request reimbursement from the US Department of Justice BVP for fifty percent of the cost of the approved number of vests.

**Staff**

**Recommendation:** Please see the attached statement from Sheriff Jarrard.

## Kathleen Walker

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**From:** Mark French  
**Sent:** Friday, April 03, 2015 8:33 AM  
**To:** Kathleen Walker  
**Subject:** Sheriff's Recommendation - Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program  
**Attachments:** 4.09 Body Armor.doc; ATT00001.c

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Kathleen,

I received the e-mail below from Sheriff Jarrard regarding the submission of a FY-2015 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program grant application.

Thanks,

Mark Wade French  
Budget & Grant Analyst  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Stacy Jarrard  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 6:40 PM  
**To:** Mark French  
**Subject:** 4.09 Body Armor.doc

Mark,  
Please submit us for the bullet proof vest grant. Let me know if you need further.  
Thanks,  
Stacy

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LUMPKIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>General Order</b><br/><b>NUMBER: 4.09</b></p> | <p><b>Date of Issue</b></p> <p><b>05/22/09</b></p> | <p><b>Effective Date</b></p> <p><b>06/02/09</b></p> | <p><b>Revision Date</b></p> |
| <p>Subject: Body Armor</p>  | <p>Amends: 01/01/09 S.O.P.</p>                     |   | <p>Rescinds:</p>            |
| <p>Index as: Body Armor, Bullet Proof or Protective Vest</p>  | <p>State Certification Standards: 5.2</p>          |   |                             |

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to prescribe the Lumpkin County Sheriff's Office policies and procedures for providing personnel with guidelines for the proper use and care of body armor.

**STATEMENT OF POLICY**

It shall be the policy of the Lumpkin County Sheriff's Office to maximize officer safety through the issuance and use of body armor.

**DISCUSSION**

All body armor issued must comply with the current minimum protective standards as prescribed by the National Institute of Justice.

**DEFINITIONS**

**BODY ARMOR** — A vest or jacket whose material - such as Kevlar or nylon cloth - affords ballistic protection and whose construction may or may not accommodate metal or ceramic inserts.

**FIELD DUTY** — Any operational assignment that causes an officer to be in the field; on the street; out of the law enforcement headquarters or other facility. Field duty may refer to plain-clothes officers as well as uniformed officers.

**I. ISSUANCE**

- A. Lumpkin County Sheriff's Office personnel shall be issued body armor. This is to include officers assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division, Court Services, Investigations, and to Jail.

- B. Sheriff's Office personnel performing law enforcement field duties are required to wear body armor, unless exempted by this policy.
- C. Sheriff's Office personnel not performing uniform field duties shall retain their body armor in the trunk of their departmental vehicle for immediate availability.
- D. The wearing of body armor is **mandatory** for all Sheriff's Office personnel in the following situations:
  - 1. Serving a felony or violent misdemeanor arrest warrant;
  - 2. Executing a search warrant;
  - 3. Making a forced entry into a building;
  - 4. Hostage or barricaded suspect incident;
  - 5. Robbery or hold-up alarm in progress call;
  - 6. Service of Temporary Protective Orders (TPO's) involving child custody or the removal of one party from a residence;
  - 7. Searching for an escaped prisoner;
  - 8. Domestic dispute involving violence;
  - 9. Bomb threat;
  - 10. Performing Court Services;
  - 11. Riot/civil disorder; or
  - 12. Whenever performing patrol or routine law enforcement activities while in uniform.
- E. Sheriff's Office personnel shall wear departmental issued body armor only.

## II. EXCEPTIONS

Sheriff's Office personnel may be exempted from wearing body armor for the following reasons:

- A. When an agency-approved physician determines that an officer has a medical condition that would preclude use of body armor;
- B. When an officer is involved in undercover or plainclothes work that his/her supervisor determines would be compromised by the use of body armor;
- C. When an officer is assigned to perform an administrative function; or
- D. When the Sheriff or Major determines an exemption is appropriate.

### III. INSPECTIONS

- A. Supervisors shall be responsible for ensuring that body armor is worn and maintained as required by this General Order.
- B. There shall be an annual inspection of all body armor for fit, cleanliness, signs of damage, and abuse and wear.

### IV. MAINTENANCE & CARE

- A. Each Sheriff's Office employee issued body armor is responsible for the proper storage and daily inspection of their body armor for signs of damage and general cleanliness.
- B. Any damage or wear to the cover or to the ballistic panels will be reported to the employees' immediate supervisor, who will in return report the damage/wear in writing to the Division Commander.

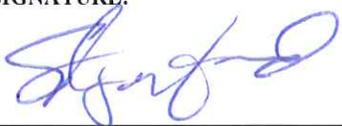
By Order of the Sheriff:

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Stacy M. Jarrard  
Sheriff, Lumpkin County



## GRANT PROCESSING REQUEST FORM

|  |       |  |                    |  |
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| DATE:<br>04/02/15  |       |  |                    |  |
| DEPARTMENT:<br>Lumpkin County Sheriff's Office                                   |       |  |                    |  |
| GRANT PROGRAM:<br>Bulletproof Vest Partnership                                   |       |  |                    |  |
| GRANTING AGENCY:<br>US Department of Justice                                     |       |  |                    |  |
| CFDA # (If Federal Grant)<br>N/A   |       |  |                    |  |
| PROGRAM TITLE:<br>Law Enforcement - Safety Equipment                             |       |  |                    |  |
| FUNDING REQUEST:   |       |  |                    |  |
| FEDERAL  | STATE | LOCAL MATCH  | OTHER              | TOTAL REQUEST                              |
| TBD  | N/A   | TBD  | N/A                | TBD  |
| IF LOCAL MATCH IS REQUIRED, ARE FUNDS AVAILABLE IN DEPARTMENT BUDGET? Y/N<br>Yes |       |  |                    |  |
| INDIRECT COSTS? Y/N<br>Not applicable  |       |  | AMOUNT:<br>\$ 0.00 |  |
| REIMBURSEMENT GRANT: Y/N<br>Yes  |       |  |                    |  |
| PROJECT DIRECTOR:<br>Stacy Jarrard   |       |  |                    |  |
| PHONE:<br>(706) 864-0414   |       | FAX:<br>(706) 864-0412   |                    | E-MAIL:<br>stacy.jarrard@lumpkincounty.gov |
| DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE<br>APPROVING SUBMISSION:<br>Stacy Jarrard        |       | SIGNATURE:<br> |                    | DATE:<br>040615                            |
| REVIEWED & APPROVED BY FINANCE:<br>Mark French<br>Budget & Grant Analyst         |       | SIGNATURE:<br> |                    | DATE:<br>2-16-2015                         |