UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

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September 18, 2018

TO: All Concerned Personnel

FROM: Chairperson, Uniform and Equipment Committee

SUBJECT: NEWLY APPROVED UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT ITEMS

The Uniform and Equipment Committee and the Chief of Police have approved the following items:

1. APPROVAL OF DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY CHEMICAL AGENT – MK-9S OLEORESIN CAPSICUM AEROSOL PROJECTOR, INSTANTANEOUS OLEORESIN CAPSICUM BLAST GRENADE, OLEORESIN CAPSICUM VAPOR AEROSOL GRENADE, OLEORESIN CAPSICUM AEROSOL GRENADE FOGGER

The currently authorized Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) grenade utilized by Metropolitan Division (Metro) K-9 and Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) has been discontinued. Therefore, the Department initiated a product evaluation to determine a suitable replacement. In doing so, the following items were tested, evaluated and approved:

- Defense Technology MK-9S
- Defense Technology Instantaneous OC Blast Grenade
- Defense Technology OC Vapor Aerosol Grenade
- Defense Technology OC Aerosol Grenade (fogger)

The evaluation included a pilot program conducted by Metro K-9 to capture Use of Force data. The Uniform and Equipment Committee and Chief of Police have approved all four listed items for use by Metro K-9 and SWAT within the current guidelines of existing Department policy for such items.

2. APPROVAL FOR COLLISION INVESTIGATION OFFICERS TO UTILIZE TOURMASTER HIGH VISIBILITY RAIN GEAR

The Uniform and Equipment Committee and Chief of Police had previously approved the use of Tourmaster high visibility rain gear for motor personnel. Central Traffic Division requested officers assigned to all traffic divisions, as Collision Investigation Officers be authorized to utilize the same Tourmaster high visibility rain gear. Collision Investigation Officers are routinely tasked with investigating collisions during inclement weather and reduced visibility conditions with rapidly passing traffic nearby. The added visibility of the rain gear will increase officer safety. The Uniform and Equipment Committee and Chief of Police concur and have approved the Tourmaster high visibility rain gear for Collision Investigation Officers.

APPROVED:

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