



# Galveston Police Department

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STAFF REPORT

**Date** October 28, 2021

**To:** City Manager  
Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**From:** Douglas Balli, Galveston Police Department, Chief of Police

**Request:** Consider for approval purchases of police equipment and uniforms with GT Distributors, through the BuyBoard purchasing cooperative. Estimated costs for products are not to exceed City Council approved budgets for the Galveston Police Department.

**Prior Council Action** – City Council previously approved purchasing these supplies through the BuyBoard purchasing cooperative for FY2021

### Background

The City of Galveston is a member of the BuyBoard cooperative purchasing program, governed by the Texas Association of School Boards, this allows the city to utilize contracts that have been competitively procured in compliance with state purchasing requirements. Click the link to find out how this cooperative works: <https://www.buyboard.com/Texas/About-Us/Member-FAQ.aspx>. Texas Government Code Section 791 authorizes local governments to contract, as much as possible, with other local governments and any agencies of the State of Texas.

The BuyBoard purchasing cooperative is endorsed by the Texas Municipal League. The objective of a cooperative purchasing program is to provide a mechanism for local governments to pool their collective purchasing power. Purchasing cooperatives save money in two ways: the price of the product and/or in the administrative cost savings from advertising for a formal solicitation. The City of Galveston also receives member rebates in December from BuyBoard.

GT Distributors has a contract with BuyBoard. The contract number is 587-19. Utilizing BuyBoard to purchase uniforms and equipment allows for greater flexibility to utilize different companies and locate the most competitive pricing.





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### Fiscal Impact Report

The fiscal impact for purchase of these uniforms and equipment will be as provided for through budgeted line items adopted by City Council and administered by the City Manager.

Funding Source	Amount
0100-211450-522013-421000	\$ 45,000.00
0100-211450-522056-421000	\$ 52,000.00
1814-211424-522013-421000	\$ 100,000.00
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Total	\$ 197,000.00

### Alternatives:

1. Approve using the cooperative purchasing contract through BuyBoard for GT Distributors.
2. Do not approve using the cooperative purchasing contract and bid for uniforms and equipment through the Purchasing Department.

### Staff Recommendation:

Approve using the cooperative purchasing contract through BuyBoard for GT Distributors.

Respectfully,

  
Douglas Balli  
Chief of Police

### Attachments

BuyBoard Contract No. 587-19

