



**CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL**

**Agenda Item C  
July 18, 2011**

**SUBJECT:** Approval to dispose of obsolete ballistic vests by providing them to officers in need through the Vest For Life – Armor of God Project.

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Public Safety - Police *Dem*

**CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:** *[Signature]*

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Novi Police Department has accumulated 25-30 soft body armor ballistic vests that have been replaced over the years and are no longer used by the Department. The Department purchases a vest for each officer at the time of hire and then again every five years. The five year replacement schedule follows National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and manufacturer guidelines.

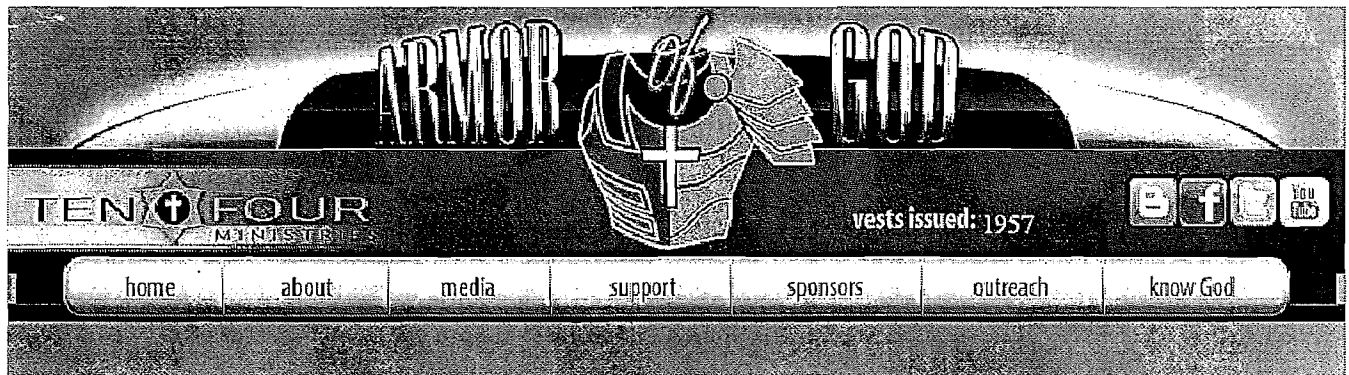
Thousands of law enforcement professionals in the United States and around the world are working in dangerous environments and they do not have a ballistic vest to protect them. In addition, similar to the officers of the Novi Police Department, thousands of officers are provided new ballistic vests every five years. While the manufacturer warranty may be expired, often the vest will still effectively protect those that do not have one. The Armor of God Project began in 2009 and is dedicated to protecting those that protect us. They will recycle used ballistic vests and provide them to officers in need.

The Novi Police Department would like to provide its surplus, obsolete ballistic vests to other first responders that are in need through the Armor of God Project. The value of each unit at the time of purchase was approximately \$650.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval to dispose of obsolete ballistic vests by providing them to officers in need through the Vest For Life – Armor of God Project.

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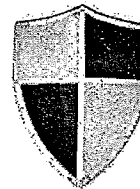
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## Welcome to the Armor of God Project.

Thousands of law enforcement professionals in the United States and around the world are working in dangerous environments and they do not have a ballistic vest to protect them. In addition, thousands of officers are graciously provided new ballistic vests every five years. While the manufacturer warranty may be expired, often the vest will still effectively protect those that do not have one. The Armor of God Project began in 2009 and is dedicated to protecting those that protect us. We will recycle used ballistic vests and provide them to officers that need them.

We encourage you to assist us in any way that you are able in order that we may be able to provide every law enforcement officer with this basic safety equipment free of any costs. Through the efforts of a small cadre of volunteers, financial supporters and those praying daily, thousands of ballistic vests have been given out and lives have been saved.

The Armor of God Project is a ministry of Ten-Four Ministries, a non-profit ministry dedicated to reaching the first responder community for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



### Protecting Those Who Protect Us

Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.  
Ephesians 6:11



Ten-Four Ministries Board Member Tom Brozycki (right) presents Northville (NY) Officer Ryan Austin with body armor courtesy of the Armor of God Project.

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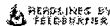
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### Recent Testimony

"Our Department is very small and I have to go without a lot. I really needed a vest but the money just isn't there at this time. I have a wife and five kids that I would love to grow old with."

Ned,  
Alabama.

"We are a small department and budget restraints prevent us from equipping our officers with the latest safety equipment. We had an officer killed here in 1997. A vest then might have saved his life. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication in this project."

Randall,  
Arkansas.

"I just wanted to thank you and everyone

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