



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting July 29, 2025

DATE: July 29, 2025

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Purchase of Training Ammunition for the Corpus Christi Police Department

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing the purchase of training ammunition from GT Distributors, of Pflugerville, Texas, through the BuyBoard Cooperative, to be used for firearms training for all sworn officers and police cadets for the Corpus Christi Police Department in the amount of \$130,277.66, with FY 2025 funding in the amount of \$80,277.66 from the Crime Control and Prevention District Fund and \$50,000.00 from the General Fund.

SUMMARY:

This motion authorizes the purchase of training ammunition for the City of Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD). This purchase will supply ammunition for the essential training of CCPD's sworn officers and police cadets so that they can meet annual firearm qualification standards training.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:

Each year, CCPD purchases ammunition to be used for firearms training and qualifications for its sworn officers and police cadets. The purchase of the 9mm caliber training ammunition will be used to train CCPD police cadets during the Police Training Academy as well as for the Annual Qualification Training and In-service Training for all sworn officers. The purchase of the .223 caliber rifle ammunition will be used for CCPD's SWAT Team during regular firearms training.

This item is for a one-time annual purchase of training ammunition. In previous years, CCPD had multi-year agreements for ammunition supplies. However, ammunition vendors are currently not offering multi-year agreements because of the volatility of ammunition supplies and pricing due to the supply and manufacturing disruptions previously caused by COVID-19 as well as on-going international conflicts. This one-time annual purchase will allow CCPD to obtain the ammunition that

it needs for firearms training and qualifications in bulk and all at once. Furthermore, this one-time purchase is beneficial to CCPD as compared to a supply agreement due to the fact that it will not be subject to possible ammunition shortages from the vendor over the course of an agreement, which has occurred in the past as a result of supply volatility. This one-time annual purchase of ammunition will allow CCPD to continue its firearms training operations as normal.

CCPD has previously purchased ammunition from GT Distributors and was satisfied with the quality of ammunition they provided. CCPD recommends the purchase of this ammunition from GT Distributors.

PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

This procurement is through the Buyboard Cooperative. Contracts awarded through the Buyboard Cooperative have been competitively procured, in compliance with local and state procurement requirements.

Procurement conducted cost a cost comparison between GT Distributors' pricing for the 9mm ammunition and the .223 ammunition on the BuyBoard Cooperative and TXSmartBuy Cooperative. Through the BuyBoard Cooperative, GT Distributors provides the City with savings of 11.53% (or \$8,063.40) for the 9mm ammunition and savings of 9.17% (or \$6,908.91) for the .223 ammunition as compared to the TXSmartBuy Cooperative's pricing.

The table below demonstrates the pricing and savings for 9mm and .223 ammunition from GT Distributors through the BuyBoard Cooperative as compared to the TXSmartBuy Cooperative.

Ammo Type	Qty	Unit of Measure	BuyBoard Pricing	TXSmartBuy Pricing	Variance \$	Variance %
9mm FMJ	267	Per 1000	\$61,861.23	\$69,924.63	-\$8,063.40	-11.53%
.223 FMJ	137	Per 1000	\$68,416.43	\$75,325.34	-\$6,908.91	-9.17%

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ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to approve the purchase of the ammunition. However, if this purchase is not made, there will be insufficient ammunition for SWAT training, police cadet qualifications, or sworn officer's annual qualifications. This will prevent police officers and police cadets from maintaining their firearms certifications and will also result in a shortage of essential firearms training.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact in FY 2025 is in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the General Fund and \$80,277.66 from the Crime Control and Prevention District Fund.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund:	1020
Organization/Activity:	11790 Police Training
Mission Element:	029 Police Department
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	520090
Amount:	\$50,000.00

Fund:	9010
Organization/Activity:	11711 Crime Control and Prevention District
Mission Element:	029 Police Department
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	520090
Amount:	\$80,277.66

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this purchase of training ammunition from GT Distributors, of Pflugerville, Texas, through the BuyBoard Cooperative, for the Corpus Christi Police Department, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Service Agreement
Bid Tabulation