

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FROM: PETER MCGOWAN, POLICE CHIEF
SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT ISSUE FIREARMS
DATE: JUNE 20, 2013
CC: DAVID RAMSAY

As a follow up to my memo dated June 11, 2013, I submit the following additional information.

The weapons we currently carry are Springfield Arms .40cal, and were purchased in 2004. The average life span of police service weapons are, on average, 8-10 years. For the Dover Police Department, we run approximately 400-500 rounds per year through our sidearms, and they are out every day on officer's belts, exposed to weather, dirt, and other external influences. While Springfield Arms has been cooperative in repairing the weapons when we return them as they malfunction, they feel now that the frangible ammunition that is required at trainings and ranges is incompatible with the weapon. The frequency of failures is such that the officers' confidence in the gun has eroded.

We have selected the GLOCK model 21, Gen 4 after an extensive testing and evaluation process by the department armorer and the department's SWAT officer, both whom I would consider experts in this field. They selected the Glock based on ease of use, transition considerations, reputation, references and performance. Additionally, over 800 rounds of frangible ammunition was put through the Glock without issue. The revised request is as follows, and includes duty holsters, magazine holders, and ammunition that will be needed to train the officers on the new weapon.

Weapons	\$11651.10	incl spare magazines
Duty Gear	\$4011.00	Holsters and pouches
Ammo	\$2063.00	For familiarization/qualification
TOTAL	\$17725.10	

Trade value 24 weapons X \$301 \$7224

Net cost to town \$10501.00