



## TOWN COUNCIL – AGENDA REQUEST FORM

THIS FORM WILL BECOME PART OF THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION USED BY THE COUNCIL AND PUBLIC

Please submit Agenda Request Form, **including back up information**, 8 days prior to the requested meeting date. **Public Hearing requests must be submitted 20 days prior to requested meeting date to meet publication deadlines** (exceptions may be authorized by the Town Manager, Chairman/Vice Chair).

### MEETING INFORMATION

Date Submitted: 6-19-19

Date of Meeting: 6-27-19

Submitted by: Captain Matthew Tarleton

Department: Police

Time Required: 10 minutes

Speakers: Captain Matthew Tarleton & Detective Michael Lambert

Background Info. Yes: ☒ No: ☐  
Supplied:

### CATEGORY OF BUSINESS (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

Appointment:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recognition/Resignation/Retirement:	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Public Hearing:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Old Business:	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Business:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consent Agenda:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nonpublic:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

### TITLE OF ITEM

Donation of \$100.00 towards the purchase of upgraded communications equipment, with ballistic helmets, for the Department's Special Response Team.

### DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

Request to accept a \$100.00 donation from the Merrimack Lioness Club to be used towards the purchase of the above noted item/s.

### REFERENCE (IF KNOWN)

RSA:	31:95-b	Warrant Article:	
Charter Article:	8-15	Town Meeting:	
Other:		N/A	

### EQUIPMENT REQUIRED (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

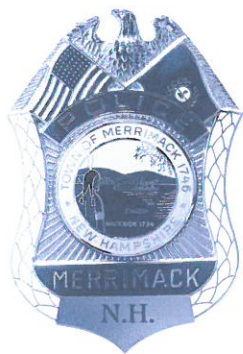
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Special Seating:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laptop:	<input type="checkbox"/>	None:	<input type="checkbox"/>

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:	<u>Matthew Tarleton</u>	Address	<u>Police</u>
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### APPROVAL

Town Manager: Yes ☒ No: ☐ Chair/Vice Chair: Yes ☒ No: ☐



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## MEMO

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**DATE:** JUNE 20, 2019  
**TO:** EILEEN CABANEL, TOWN MANAGER  
**CC:** DENISE ROY, CHIEF OF POLICE  
**FROM:** MATTHEW TARLETON, PATROL CAPTAIN  
**RE:** AGENDA REQUEST

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The Merrimack Police Department is requesting permission to accept donations totaling \$12,600.00 from four local civic organizations. Specifically:

Merrimack Crimeline:	\$5,000.00
Merrimack Rotary:	\$5,000.00
Merrimack Lions Club:	\$2,500.00
Merrimack Lioness Club:	\$100.00

These donations being made for the specific purchase of new communication equipment (i.e. boom mic, push to talk features and ear protection) and ballistic helmets for the Department's SRT (Special Response Team) officers. The estimated total cost of this equipment is \$15,000.00. The department will make up the difference within our budget.

The Merrimack Police Department SRT is in need of updating its existing communications equipment, which is outdated and mostly ineffective. We are currently using inexpensive (\$8.00) single earpiece communication devices which have proven to be unreliable, and do not provide hearing protection from high decibel, deafening noise such as rifle fire and NFDD (Noise Flash Diversionary Device) deployment.

The current communication equipment standard for SRT officers is an electronic earmuff type headset which has automatic sound level control. Automatic sound level control protects the officer from loud impulse noise (i.e. rifle fire/NFDD deployment) by automatically and instantaneously cutting the sound once a certain decibel is reached. Once the noise diminishes the automatic sound level control returns to normal and amplifies the officers hearing through the electronic device so he is able to hear sounds in his normal environment (i.e. normal conversation).

The headset is equipped with an attached boom microphone (for transmitting) and is wired directly to the officer's radio via a push to talk button. Officers can communicate with each other by pushing the push to talk button and talking into the boom microphone, the voice transmission is then transmitted through each officer's headset. The push to talk button is positioned on the officers vest (close to the chest) so the officer can quickly access it without having his hand off of his weapon for long. Having this equipment for each officer on the team is essential for mission success and officer safety/survivability.