



# Gaston County

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Board of Commissioners  
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## Police Department

### Board Action

File #: 23-376

Commissioner Brown - Police Department - To Approve Surplus and Donation of 38 DamascusGear Prison Riot Suits to Gaston College Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) to be used in Training

#### STAFF CONTACT

S. M. Zill - Gaston County Police Department - 704-866-3321

#### BUDGET IMPACT

N/A

#### BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

N/A

#### BACKGROUND

North Carolina Statute 160A-266 dictates the procedure for disposal of surplus property. Gaston County Police has 38 DamascusGear Prison Riot Suits that were purchased in 2018. These suits were purchased in preparation for the 2020 Republican National Convention held in Charlotte, NC. The suits were never used by the department due to being designed for prison riots and did not meet the protective standard for civil emergencies. Civil emergency Riot Suits that meet the standard have been purchased since then. Pursuant to NCGS 160A-274, Gaston County Police requests these suits be conveyed to Gaston College to be used by their Basic Law Enforcement Training Academy as part of their training activities and other law enforcement training.

Gaston College would like to utilize the inventory of the DamascusGear Prison Riot Suits for use in their Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET). Releasing the riot suits to Gaston College does not pose any hazard to the public nor any cost to the County. Gaston County conveys these suits "as is" and without any warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose.

The Gaston County Police Department requests the surplus and donation of the 38 suits be approved by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners.

#### POLICY IMPACT

N/A

#### ATTACHMENTS

Surplus E-mail & Request

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

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**Page, Gail**

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**From:** Bloom, Reggie  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2023 3:14 PM  
**To:** Zill, Stephen; Shelor, Myron; Page, Gail  
**Cc:** Bloom, Reggie  
**Subject:** Surplus Equipment Donation  
**Attachments:** Surplus Equipment Donation.docx

Good Afternoon

I hope you are doing well. Attached is a draft of a request to donate thirty-eight (38) DamacusGear Prison Riot Suits that were purchased around 2018. Gaston College's Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) program is interested in utilizing the suits.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Bloom



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Stephen Zill  
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Captain R. E. Bloom  
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Date: Friday, 7/21/2023

To: Chief S. M. Zill *SMZ*  
Ast. Chief M. K. Shelor

From: Captain R. E. Bloom

Reference: Equipment Surplus

*2020*  
The Gaston County Police Department's Civil Emergency Unit (CEU) purchased riot suits in preparation for the ~~2018~~ Republican National Convention. The equipment, thirty-eight (38) DamacusGear prison riot suits, were never used. The suits were designed for prison riots and did not meet the protective standard for civil emergencies. Civil Emergency Riot Suits that met the standard have been purchased since then.

Gaston College would like to utilize the inventory of DamacusGear Prison Riot Suits (38 total) for training Basic Law Enforcement (BLET) students attending Gaston College. The suits will provide more realistic training for the students in practical exercises during the Civil Emergency block of their training. Releasing the Riot Suits to Gaston College does not pose any hazard to the public.

I request that a proposal to donate the thirty-eight (38) DamacusGear Prison Riot Suits be presented to the Gaston County Board of Commissioners. Donating the suits to Gaston College would not cost anything to Gaston County Police Department.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.