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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.

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From: Captain R. E. Bloom

Reference: Equipment Surplus

The Gaston County Police Department's Civil Emergency Unit (CEU) purchased riot suits in preparation for the 2018 *2020* 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.