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Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: REPORT BACK - POLICE WEAPONRY

SUMMARY

The suitability of firearms issued to all Sacramento Police Officers is constantly reviewed by Department staff. Presently, full-automatic firearms are issued only to Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.) team members. Due to the increased risks these weapons pose to innocent bystanders and police officers, there is no plan to expand the use of full-automatic firearms to other department personnel.

BACKGROUND

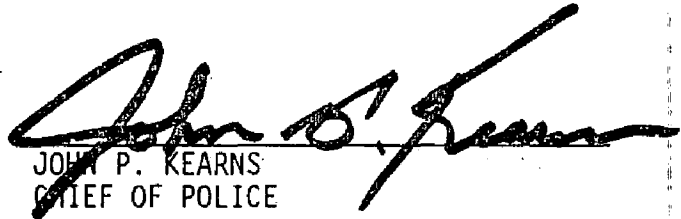
The Police Department is well aware of the threat heavily armed drug traffickers and gang members have imposed on the safety of officers and citizens. Evaluation of the suitability of weapons issued to Sacramento Police Officers, which included a consideration of such threats, resulted in the issuance of the SIG Sauer 9mm semi-automatic pistol.

At this time, full-automatic weapons are issued only to Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.) team members. There is no plan to expand the use of full-automatic weapons to non-S.W.A.T. personnel. There is, however, a study in progress to determine whether the full-automatic weapons now issued to S.W.A.T. are the most appropriate for the purpose intended. The full-automatic machine pistols recently purchased by the U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration are included in this study.

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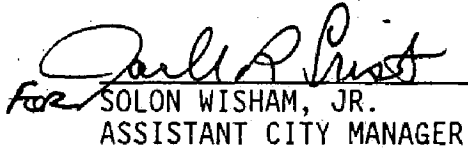
RECOMMENDATION

None. This report is submitted in response to questions by the Budget and Finance Committee.



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