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**CITY OF TEMPE**  
**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**Council Meeting Date: 10/27/2016**  
**Agenda Item: 5C7**

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**ACTION:** Adopt a resolution authorizing the Chief of Police or designee(s), to accept the Community Grant award from the Walmart Corporation to purchase protection gear for the horses in the Tempe Police Department's Mounted Unit. (Resolution No. R2016.101)

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The total amount of the grant award is \$1,700. This grant award will supplement the Police Department's existing General Fund budget appropriation. Sufficient budget appropriation for expenditure of this grant was authorized in the Police Grants and Restricted Revenue Fund (Fund 45) as part of the fiscal year 2016-17 adopted budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Resolution No. R2016.101.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Tempe Mounted Unit was established in 1974. We currently have six horses, two full-time mounted officers and thirteen reserve officers. One of the key components of this Unit is to provide crowd control during large events such as our annual block party, parades, concerts, ASU football games, and riots should they occur. The Tempe Mounted Unit also assists other valley agencies during big events like the Phoenix Open.

In addition to working large special events, every Friday and Saturday night the Mounted Unit patrols Mill Avenue, which is seven blocks, comprised of approximately 75 restaurants, bars and businesses near the Arizona State University campus. They conduct vehicle stops, proactively disperse physical fights, and enforce all City codes and State laws.

Horses, due to their size, are a highly effective tool in moving through large crowds in order to identify, prevent and break up altercations when they do occur. The horse protection gear comprised of nose guards and reflective visors, will allow the horses to have their face and eyes protected at all times and allow the horses to be more visible at night.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Resolution

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