The North Carolina Interlocal Risk Management Agency
(NCIRMA)
Offers
Body Armor Reimbursement for Members

Let NCIRMA (your workers compensation self-insurance pool administered by the North Carolina League of Municipalities Risk Management Services) help pay the cost of providing body armor for police officers. Only members of NCIRMA are eligible for this program.

The Body Armor Reimbursement Program was established July, 1994. The policy is to reimburse members up to 50% of the cost of police body armor, subject to a maximum of $250.00 per garment. Members are entitled to reimbursement for a maximum of 10 garments per agency per fiscal year. From July to December the program is restricted to the **first time purchase of garments, not replacement.** After **December 31st members may purchase replacement garments** and be eligible for reimbursement, provided funds are still available.

Requirements of the program are as follows:

Each participating municipality must have one member of its Police Department/Public Safety Department trained in the selection, use and maintenance of body armor.

Each police department must establish a written policy mandating the use of body armor and implement a constructive enforcement program to assure that officers wear their armor while on duty. An official copy of this policy must be forwarded to RMS. There must be adequate proof to show the enforcement program is being followed and vests are being worn.

Purchased garments must provide, at minimum, front and back protection and be National Institute of Justice certified.

To qualify for reimbursement, each Fund member must:

Submit a letter to RMS, Attention: Body Armor Reimbursement Program, stating the following:

A written policy has been established requiring officers to wear body armor.
Enclose a copy of the adopted policy, *and****;***

Enclose a copy of the body armor purchase invoice, stating these are either first time purchases for specific officers, or are replacements for current officers.

For more information, and to receive a Soft Body Armor Reimbursement packet, contact Brenda Rich at:

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SPECIAL NOTE: **The Federal "Bulletproof Vest Partnership Act of 1998" was re-authorized this year. The purpose of this Act is to permit law enforcement agencies to receive Federal funds for purchases of Soft Body Armor. THIS PROGRAM IS IN ADDITION TO THE NCIRMA REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM. To find out more about the Federal program, you may call: US Dept. of Justice Vest Technical Support Help Desk at 1-877-75Vests (1-877-758-3787), or access their web-site at: http://vests.ojp.gov. You may also contact the program manager, Linda Hammond-Deckard, Program Manager at: Linda.Hammond-Deckard@usdoj.gov**