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Glendale Heights Police Department Receives Grant for Tourniquets

Glendale Heights, Illinois (November 1, 2019) – The Glendale Heights Police Department was awarded a grant for \$3,818.38 from the Spirit of the Blue Foundation to outfit every police officer with a lifesaving tourniquet. These tourniquets will be worn as part of their official uniform on a daily basis. The North American Rescue Gen7 C-A-T Tourniquet will be worn by Glendale Heights Police Officers on the inside of an Eleven 10 RIGID TQ Case with basket weave finish. This grant was funded in large part by a strategic partnership with Law Enforcement United, along with contributions from North American Rescue and Eleven 10.

Tourniquets are vital pieces of medical equipment that officers require on the road in the event of a traumatic injury to an extremity. "Having the tourniquets quickly available on our officers will give quick and easy access to them, which will help save time in the event of an injury to an extremity," says Chief Doug Flint of the Glendale Heights Police Department. "Our officers are all on board with this initiative and they are already fully equipped with this new piece of equipment." When only precious minutes exist to treat such an injury, tourniquets can be applied to a victim, to themselves or to a fellow officer during an incident. Spirit of Blue Foundation will replace any tourniquet that is used in the line of duty for the life of the tourniquet so that no officer who uses their tourniquet will have to go without one in the future.

To date, Spirit of the Blue has granted over 3,300 tourniquets nationwide, which have resulted in six documented saves.