




TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council

FROM: Chief Lawrence B. Weathers
Lexington Police Department
CC: Commissioner Kenneth Armstrong
Department of Public Safety
DATE: April 13, 2025
SUBJECT: Safe Restraints Inc. – Quote & Sole Source Certification

Request

Authorization to establish Safe Restraints Inc., as a sole source vendor and approval of attached quote to purchase transport harnesses.

Why are you requesting?

In accordance with Lexington Fire Department policy (Emergency Care, EC), all police custody transports are required to be handcuffed in the front, or to be able to provide one arm for medical purposes. An effective solution to this policy change is the Transport Harness. The Transport Harness is a waist chain replacement with increased safety and security options. It is considerably lighter and easier to store than a metal chain. It provides comfortable restraint but cannot be manipulated or used as a weapon. Unlike the conventional waist chain, The Transport Harness allows for optional methods of securing the arms. The arms/hands can be restrained behind their back, in their front, or even one arm/hand to the front and the other to the back. These options allow a restrained person to feed themselves, etc., while providing control. If the individual became violent, a full-body restraint can be accomplished by adding the full WRAP leg restraint. The Police Department is requesting approval from the Urban County Council and Mayor Gorton in regards to establishing Safe Restraints Inc., as a sole source vendor, and authorize purchase of the Transport Harnesses (quote attached).

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? \$43,527.24

Are the funds budgeted? Funds are budgeted - Acct #1101-505507-5571-75801

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Director/Commissioner: Lawrence B. Weathers, Chief
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