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100 Club Funds Safety Equipment for Office of Inspector General Sworn Officers

PHOENIX – The Department of Economic Security's (DES) Office of Inspector General (OIG) was presented a check yesterday for \$9,980 by the 100 Club for the purchase of nine ballistic vests for use by DES OIG sworn police officers, via the Safety Enhancement Stipends (SES) Program.

"On behalf of the Department of Economic Security, I'd like to thank the 100 Club for the generous award to our Office of Inspector General," said Director Tim Jeffries. "Safety and security of our colleagues is our highest priority and the purchase of ballistic vests will help to ensure protection of our officers when performing their duties."

"I'd like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the 100 Club for assistance in providing ballistic vests to DES officers," said Inspector General Juan J. Arcellana. "The safety of our officers is of paramount importance. When fulfilling their daily responsibilities, our officers put their personal safety at risk. This gift to our DES OIG sworn officers is invaluable."

The Safety Enhancement Stipends (SES) Program began in 2004. It enhances the safety of officers and firefighters by providing assistance to public safety agencies in obtaining necessary equipment and training that is unavailable through other funding.

"The 100 Club has been a long-time partner to law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Arizona," said DES Chief Law Enforcement Officer Terry Azbill. "Ballistic vests are a necessity and a lifeline for officers in the performance of their duties. We are pleased to be recipients of the Safety Enhancement Stipends Program."

The <u>100 Club</u> supports all city, county, state, federal and tribal public safety agencies, fire services, probation, corrections, parole and law enforcement departments who provide for the safety of the citizens of Arizona.

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