



## GROVER BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

### \$20,000 Grant Provides Thermal Camera to Police

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Recently the Grover Beach Police Department was awarded a Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security for the purchase and training of personnel on a new Bullard TacSight SE35 Thermal Imager Camera.

CEDAP is a Department of Homeland Security program that helps meet the equipment needs of smaller jurisdictions by providing communications interoperability, information sharing, chemical detection, sensors, personal protective equipment, technology, and training in using the equipment, devices, and technology. With this award, the Grover Beach Police Department sent one officer to Washington, D.C. for three days of training on the new Thermal Imager. Upon returning to Grover Beach, the officer was able to train all sworn personnel on the use of the new Thermal Imager.

Utilizing the latest in thermal imaging technology, the Bullard TacSight SE35 is a powerful tool for tactical, surveillance and scene assessment applications. This new camera enables officers to see heat signatures of objects and people and is able to distinguish people from their immediate surroundings. Needing no light to operate, the Bullard TacSight SE35 generates high-quality images on the darkest nights, even through smoke and fog. The Thermal Imager can be used to track down fleeing suspects, find hidden compartments in vehicles and buildings, conduct surveillance of narcotics offenders, locate evidence at traffic collisions and crime scenes and conduct search and rescue operations on land and water.

The Grover Beach Police Department is one of only a few Law Enforcement Agencies in the State of California to have this high tech law enforcement tool available to them. We are excited about the opportunity to better serve our Community and to be a resource to other agencies in the area.

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