

## Protecting Those Who Protect and Serve

According to the [Officer Down Memorial Page](#), more than 200 law enforcement officers across the country have been killed by gunfire since 2010.

In an [article about officer safety](#), Police Chief Magazine stated:

*There is absolutely no question that body armor protects law enforcement officers from needless disabilities and death. The IACP/DuPont Kevlar Survivors' Club® had documented more than 3,126 incidents where body armor protected officers from more serious physical injuries or death.*

*The value of body armor can be found in statistics compiled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The FBI concluded that **the "risk of sustaining a fatal injury for officers who do not routinely wear body armor is 14 times greater than for officers who do."***

With that in mind, CSE, the [Sheriffs and You Foundation \(SAY\)](#), and [Bichlmeier Insurance Services](#) joined together last weekend [to contribute 18 new upgraded soft protective vests](#) to the City Departments of Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach.

Local police departments typically provide protective vests to their personnel that are rated as Level II by the US National Institute of Justice (NIJ). The U.S. Armor vests that were presented have been rated as Enhanced Level IIIA.

Even though they offer extra protection compared to Level II vests, they are also more comfortable to wear and lighter weight than typical Level IIIA vests, which makes them ideal for the hotter temperatures of Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach.

CSE Insurance Group's relationship with law enforcement dates back over 60 years. Even today we offer police officers, sheriffs, and correctional officers [significant discounts on Auto and Homeowners Insurance policies](#) that are not available to the general public.

We do this simply because we recognize and appreciate that law enforcement officers selflessly dedicate their lives to serving our communities and we enthusiastically embrace the opportunity to offer some extra protection to the men and women who protect us.

*Law Enforcement Personnel – do you have a body armor story to share?*

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