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The current economic environment is affecting city, state and federal budgets and the current administration wants to cut defense budget and that means across all areas which includes police equipment. If the climate does not change, how can we keep our officers and law enforcement community safe in the field. In addition due to recent advancements in ballistics there has been a new standard of body armor that increases the level of safety. As most body armor manufacturers only offer a 5 year warranty due to degradation of ballistic properties, how can we maintain officer safety with the decrease in budgets. There are many large manufacturers such as Point Blank and PACA that offer the latest technology vests but a focus toward budget will continue and vest manufacturers such as GH Armor Systems will see the benefit as they offer both the latest technology at the most affordable prices.

GH Armor Systems already has offerings that include new standard NIJ 0101.06 with prices starting in the \$300 range at retailers for Level II body armor and start in the \$400 range for Level III. There are several that companies that don't have similar offerings for anywhere near \$100 or more higher in price. The Pro line is GH Armor company's least expensive line and there are several stocking distributors where departments do not have to wait long for delivery where most company's manufacture vests to order with 4 to 6 week lead times. One such retailer that stocks vests include Police Equipment Depot out of Nashville, TN. 95% of time they can delivery within 2 to 3 days because of the popularity that has caused them to keep a stock to better satisfy it's clients needs. The further ensures that an officer does not need to wait the normal lead times and feel safer in the field.

The latest standard NIJ 0101.06 is actually heavier in weight than the previous NIJ 0101.05 standard and although most expect vests to get lighter as technology improves, that fact was proven otherwise. In addition to all vest models being made available, GH Armor Systems outer carriers are extremely comfortable making officer not dread wearing them. Some of the outer covers also offer pocketing to carry additional police equipment which is another added convenience. Lastly, the actual cut and fit of GH Armor Systems vests which is extremely important make it one of the most popular smaller body armor manufacturers. Many of the dealers also have try on vests available or will take measurements to ensure proper fit which in turn will keep the officer happy when wearing their vest. In summary, if budgets are decreasing and towns or the officers themselves have to look for one body armor manufacturer, GH Armor Systems should be seriously considered. Departments and agencies nationwide both big and small have already embraced their products and innovations and this will only continue in the future.

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