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Kingston City police vehicles to be armored

KINGSTON – Kingston Police vehicles will be armored as added protection for officers. The \$35,000 price tag for Armor Dynamics of Kingston to install the lightweight vehicle armor in the 16 police cars will be raised through the community.

Project Armor: Kingston is added insurance for the men and women in blue, said Police Chief Egidio Tinti, who notes that there have been no instances of people firing on city police vehicles.

“The fact remains that we can be targeted,” Tinti said. “We represent the enforcement end of the community and people that don’t want us around can use force against us, and although that hasn’t happened to us as an agency, that has happened around communities in this country.”

Armor Dynamics’ President Malachy Meechan said the city is at a turning point. “With new leadership in both City Hall and the police department and urban renewal projects under way, the city and its businesses and citizens have a great opportunity here to galvanize and move forward,” he said.

The company, city officials and the Ulster County Chamber of Commerce plan to reach out to the community to raise the money for the new equipment.

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