



KNOXVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE



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To Whom It May Concern:

I want to take this opportunity to bring your attention to one of your authorized dealers in East Tennessee. As you are probably aware, the Knoxville Police Department recently made the decision to transition our departmental handguns from the Glock to the Sig Sauer. I want to point out the excellent efforts by David Hague with Elmer Arms South LLC who won the bid for our business. Quite frankly he did more than just bid the business. He was tireless in his efforts to show my firearms staff the quality of the firearms that Sig Sauer has to offer. He was accommodating to every request that was made of him during our testing and evaluation phase. He went the extra mile to build relationships with me and my staff and become a resource to us as we painstakingly worked our way through this important decision. His personal attention to this project has been a major benefit to us as we have proceeded through the process. He has been patient and understanding throughout the political wrangling that was required, and even during the media attention that was brought about due to the unexpected impact that this change brought about in our region and quite frankly throughout the Country. While we knew we were making a vital decision that would impact our operations, we did not anticipate the attention this would get. However, his excellent care and commitment made this important move a very positive experience.

My desire since being given the honor to lead the Knoxville Police Department is to provide our officers with the best equipment for them to do the most difficult job in the world, to protect our citizens. This desire led me to the decision to review our weapons and determine if we had the best option available. During this assessment we determined that we did not and that we needed to find out what would work best for our agency. Our choice of the Sig Sauer system was grounded in the reputation of your company and your handguns. The quality of the firearm is above reproach and the enhancement of the relationship that we get with Elmer Arms South as our partner in the system is amazing. Our choice of both the 1911 .45 caliber and the P220R .45 caliber has set a new bar for our department firearms program and has garnered the attention of my peers. We are confident that we made the right decision to transition to the Sig Sauer System and know that it is the right choice for us going into the future. We look forward to a long and successful relationship with Sig Sauer and Elmer Arms South LLC.

Respectfully,

David B. Rausch
Chief of Police