



**Bainbridge Island Police Department**  
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NRA Grant Committee,

The Bainbridge Island Police Department currently uses the Pistol and Rifle ranges of the Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's Club. The club has a Facility Use Agreement with the City of Bainbridge Island that allows the Bainbridge Island Police Department (BIPD) use of the facility. This agreement extends to the end of 2030.

Our training needs have increased in response to world events like terrorist threats and active shooters at schools and in the work place. The goal of the department's law enforcement firearms training is to prepare our officers for these ever changing real world situations. The Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's Club is instrumental in meeting these training needs. Improvements that include: day and night training, improved carbine and shotgun training and qualification capability, as well as expand the pistol training and qualification capability, will lead to better law enforcement training. Better training will provide better outcomes on the street. These improvements will allow expanded scenario training, low light training, and training on moving targets. We fully support the three range improvement proposals being submitted by the club to the NRA Foundation.

**1. Pistol Range Sound Absorption**

The club is abutted on three sides by residential areas. Rapid fire drills with our standard .40 S&W pistols and .223 carbines produce considerable noise. The addition of sound absorption material to the inside of the Pistol range shooting area will minimize transmitted noise, reduce community pressures to restrict shooting times and days and help the club maintain its posture of being a good neighbor.

**2. Rifle Range Berm Restoration**

The BIPD uses the rifle range for 50 and 100 yard training. The rifle range berm abuts the property just to the north of the club. The property owner is an activist against gun ranges. The club has shut down the rifle range until funds can be obtained to restore the berm to insure trajectory control. Until the berm is restored, the BIPD must travel one hour off island for training. The two hour travel time, to the range and back, reduces the number of officers available to handle calls. The secondary issue is a reduction in proactive law enforcement to the community.

### 3. Moving Shotgun Target System

The BIPD has a plan to increase officer shotgun competency, especially for addressing moving targets. This is an important aspect of a law enforcement firearms training program. Currently the department has limited access to moving targets. The club's Trap range can be configured to provide multiple situations where moving targets could be engaged. The club's 5-stand setup provides some of the capability, but what is missing is full-size profile targets moving at various speeds and angles. The club's proposal for Portable Runner 120, with several installation locations, is perfect for our needs.

With the addition of these items to the club's ranges, the Bainbridge Island Police Department would have access to a firearms training facility that allows us to train with every firearm system we currently deploy. The fact that this facility is within our city limits and allows officers to have access to the facility and be available for details within minutes if they are needed is invaluable for a department of our size.

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