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# CORDELE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Cordele, Georgia

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Chief of Police

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## **Cordele PD Receives Lifesaving Bulletproof Vests.**

Cordele Police Department received lifesaving bulletproof vests.

The United States Deputy Sheriff's Association (USDOSA) is a non-profit organization that primarily provides training to various law enforcement agencies throughout the country. However, one of the initiatives in addition to the world class training, is their equipment donation program. Cordele PD was selected as a recipient for a donation.

The equipment donation program of the USDOSA provides equipment free of charge to under-funded departments. Cordele PD became aware of this program in October of 2017. The department submitted its application for the donation of 10 vests in November of 2017. The department received notification in late November of their award and they would be receiving the 10 vests.

Chief Rodriguez said, "We are extremely humbled and honored to be selected by the USDOSA to receive this donation. These vests are life-saving pieces of equipment that law enforcement officers across this country need every day. As a leader, I recognize the importance of having these vests for our officers. We recently had an incident where one of our officers was shot at during a traffic stop. Although, with budget cuts, constraints, and the demand for a greater level of service with limited funding we have to find alternative funding options. The USDOSA equipment donation program is absolutely wonderful."

See Photos attached.

