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## **HAZEL MILLER FOUNDATION COMPLETES FUNDING OF POLICE SIMULATOR TWO YEAR PROCESS ENDS WITH GENEROUS GIFT**

A project that was started in 2015 by the Edmonds Police Foundation was recently brought to conclusion, thanks to the generosity of the Hazel Miller Foundation.

In 2015, the Edmonds Police Foundation began a fundraising campaign to purchase a new, interactive shooting simulator for the Edmonds Police Department. The one the department already had was out of date and frequently out of service for maintenance. This simulator allows officers to be put in realistic, critical incidents and decide how they should respond. A new simulator was going to cost \$52,414 and not in the police department budget.

Over the next two years, the Edmonds Police Foundation-a volunteer, non-profit organization that raises money to purchase equipment for the police department-began fundraising. By hosting golf tournaments, 5 K fun runs and other events, they raised about \$9,222. Still needing \$43,192, they reached out to the Hazel Miller Foundation.

In March of 2017, the Hazel Miller Foundation presented a check to the Edmonds Police Foundation for \$43,192, the remainder needed to fund the simulator.

The Hazel Miller Foundation is a private, nonprofit foundation dedicated to the citizens of Edmonds, Washington, and South Snohomish County, Washington. Their mission is to support programs and projects that serve the public's benefit, especially in the areas of education and youth services, poverty alleviation and hunger, civic and community services and amenities, the environment, and culture and the arts. Their grants are designed to serve non-profit organizations operating in Edmonds and South Snohomish County.

The Edmonds Police Department would like to thank the Edmonds Police Foundation and the Hazel Miller Foundation for their generosity in funding our new simulator.

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