

# America's Protectors

## Keeping Women In Law Enforcement Safer

(NAPSA)—Women currently represent more than 15 percent of the law enforcement population and they continue to grow in number every year. However, despite the number of female officers, most equipment, body armor and uniforms are designed based on the male physique. According to a workplace-assessment survey conducted in two midsize police departments, nearly 30 percent of women police officers reported fit problems, compared to about 6 percent of male officers.

Up until now, the options for body armor products made for women have been limited. Female officers have been expected to wear slightly modified men's vests that are not properly contoured to fit the female body.

### Need For Precision Fit, Female Body Armor

Created in response to the growing need for precision-fit body armor for women in law enforcement, SAVVY Armor, one of the first manufacturers of body armor for women, was formed.

SAVVY offers three new shaping technologies that fit and conform around compound curves: thermal-forming, radial offset pleating and advanced draping. Not only are women different from men but they are different from each other. The company's shaping technologies accommodate women of every shape and size.

### Vests Shaped For Women

Currently, SAVVY offers two concealable vests, the Flair and Retro, but will soon feature three concealable vests, three special-



**Body armor for women is moving into the 21st century. As a result, women in law enforcement are now safer.**

ized vests, a tactical vest and seven external carriers. The product line provides female officers with the versatile protection that their jobs require. The specialized vests consist of a corrections vest with NIJ Spike levels 1, 2 and 3 protection, an ultraconcealable vest for undercover assignments and a specialized "motor" vest for bicycle, ATV, Segway and motorcycle officers. The SAVVY tactical vest, RUSH, is the industry's first full-gear, tactical vest shaped for a woman. It also includes scaled-down accessories to maximize a woman's functionality without compromising safety.

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