



We have been using FirstSpear plate carriers with 6/12 laser cutting and Tubes technology since 2012. As a progressive police department and SWAT team, we were looking for a lightweight carrier that would enhance our mission capabilities and performance while providing durability. We decided on the FirstSpear 6/12 Strandhogg plate carrier as it provided us the capability and durability we were looking for.

During the last five years, the FirstSpear carriers have proven to be extremely durable over the course of thousands of hours of operations to include training, air operations, urban operations, high-risk warrants, barricaded subjects, and the terrorist attack we faced on May 3, 2015. Through heavy use and long continuous hours we have had zero issues with the carriers and they have exceeded our expectations.

We are so pleased with the performance of the 6/12 laser cutting and Tubes technology on the Strandhogg vests that the exact same carriers were purchased for the Bomb and K-9 Unit. There has been no degradation in performance after 5 years of continuous daily use. While I would purchase them again in the future with confidence they have proved so durable I do not anticipate having to replace the vests but simply replace plates and soft armor as we have just done on our original Strandhogs.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Colasanto", written over a horizontal line.

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