



### APBA Phone & Email Script

To attain City Council Budget Funding  
For Bulletproof Vests for Auxiliary Officers

#### Script for Calling NYC Council Members:

##### Introduction:

"Hello, my name is [Your Name], and I'm an Auxiliary Police Officer volunteering with the NYPD in [Your Precinct/Community]. I'm calling as a concerned citizen and a member of the Auxiliary Police to discuss an urgent safety issue affecting our city's volunteer officers."

##### Main Message:

"As you may know, Auxiliary Police Officers are your neighbors who volunteer their time to patrol and assist in keeping our communities safe. However, many of us are currently using outdated bulletproof vests that have exceeded their recommended lifespan. These vests have questionable structural integrity, which puts our safety at risk when we're out in the field."

##### Call to Action:

"I'm urging you to advocate for funding in this year's NYC budget to provide updated, high-quality bulletproof vests for Auxiliary Officers. This is not just about officer safety—it's about ensuring we can continue to protect our communities effectively and safely."

##### Closing:

"Thank you for your time and for considering this critical issue. I hope we can count on your support to prioritize the safety of those who volunteer to serve our city. Have a great day!"

## Script for Emailing NYC Council Members

**Subject Line:** Support Funding for New Bulletproof Vests for Auxiliary Officers

Dear (Council Member's Name),

My name is [Your Name], and I am proud to serve as an Auxiliary Police Officer with the NYPD in [Your Precinct/Community]. I am writing to bring your attention to a pressing safety concern affecting the thousands of volunteers like me who dedicate their time to keeping our neighborhoods safe.

As Auxiliary Officers, we patrol our communities without pay, often putting ourselves in harm's way. Unfortunately, many of us are currently equipped with outdated bulletproof vests that have exceeded their recommended lifespan. These vests have compromised structural integrity, which jeopardizes our safety during patrols.

I urge you to advocate for funding in this year's NYC budget to replace these aging vests with new, reliable ones. This investment is crucial for the safety of Auxiliary Officers and the security of the communities we serve.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Please prioritize this request and support the volunteers who work tirelessly to enhance public safety. Please feel free to reach out if you would like more information or wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

[Your Full Name]

[Your Precinct/Community]

[Your Contact Information]