



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**#25-0731**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** August 19, 2025

**TITLE:** Motion Approving the Purchase of Extrication Struts Standard and XL -  
Municipal Equipment Company, LLC - \$109,921 - (**Commission Districts  
1, 2, 3 and 4**)

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a one-time purchase of Extrication Struts in both standard and extra-large (XL) sizes from Municipal Equipment Company, LLC in the amount of \$109,921.

**Background**

Extrication struts are specialized tools used by Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue personnel to stabilize vehicles and other objects during extrication operations, particularly in situations like vehicle accidents or structural collapses. They provide a secure and stable platform for rescue personnel to work, preventing further movement or collapse that could endanger victims or staff.

The Fire Rescue Department currently utilizes extrication struts that are over twenty (20) years old. Replacing this aging equipment is necessary to ensure firefighter safety, improve operational efficiency, and comply with current standards for rescue operations. Procurement of the extrication struts will standardize extrication equipment across all apparatus, enhance technical rescue stabilization capabilities, and align the Department with industry standards.

On June 5, 2025, the City, via the Procurement Services Division, issued Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 489, for the purchase of Extrication Struts Standard and XL. The solicitation was viewed by 62 suppliers. On June 16, 2025, an outreach email was sent to all suppliers who viewed the solicitation, encouraging them to participate and submit a bid.

On June 30, 2025, a single bid was received from Municipal Equipment Company, LLC. The bid was reviewed for compliance with the solicitation requirements. It has been determined that Municipal Equipment Company, LLC is a responsive and responsible bidder. Pursuant to the Procurement Ordinance, Section 2-178 (9), staff attempted to negotiate more favorable prices via a best and final offer (BAFO) process. However, the

bidder did not extend any further reduction to its prices (Exhibit 3).

### **Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact in the amount of \$109,291. Funds are available in the account listed below.

<i>Funds available as of July 10, 2025</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-4020-522-30-3946	Fire Operations	Services & Materials / Tools & Equipment	\$4,823,981	\$590,118	\$109,291
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$109,291

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a FY 2025 Commission Priority, advancing the Public Safety initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area, Goal 1: Be a safe community that is proactive and responsive to risks.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Community.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 - Solicitation

Exhibit 2 - Bid Tabulation

Exhibit 3 - Best and Final Offer (BAFO)

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