



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

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: August 18, 2015

TITLE: Motion to Approve Purchase and Installation of an Upgrade to Fire Station
Compressor Systems – Channel Innovations Corporation - \$76,800

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the purchase and installation of an upgrade to the current compressor systems from Channel Innovations Corporation in the amount of \$76,800.

Background

On October 21, 2014, the City Commission approved the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs) and associated equipment from Fisher Scientific Company, L.L.C. (CAM 14-1331, PUR-9).

The SCBA is one of the most important pieces of safety equipment utilized by Fire Rescue personnel during an emergency event. SCBAs protect personnel during events involving smoke, hazardous materials, or immediate dangers to life and health.

Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue recently purchased new SCBA equipment through a federal grant. However, the compressors required to charge these new units were not eligible as an expense for that grant. Staff is therefore requesting approval to purchase the required compressors at this time. The compressor systems are required to charge the SCBAs for oxygen needed for fire suppression/hazardous materials incidents. Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue currently has compressor systems located at Fire Stations 2, 49 and 53, and on the Squad 47 apparatus. Current compressors are no longer compatible with the 5500 PSI bottles recently purchased.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) #752-11614 was released based on minimum specifications required by the Fire-Rescue Department. Although there were initially two contractors which provided initial interest in the project, only one formal bid was provided. The Procurement division extended the initial bid deadlines and additional vendors were contacted to confirm submission status; however in the end, only one vendor provided a final cost estimate.

Fire-Rescue recommends awarding the contract to the lowest cost, responsive, and responsible bidder, Channel Innovations Corporation.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$76,800 for FY2015.

Funds Available as of July 23, 2015					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (PROGRAM)	OBJECT CODE SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMMENDED BUDGET (OBJECT CODE)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (OBJECT CODE)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
001-FIR030101-6499	Fire-Rescue Support (Operations)	Capital Outlay/ Other Equipment	\$919,367	\$88,317	\$76,800
PURCHASE TOTAL					\$76,800

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Safety Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 9: Be a City well-prepared for and responsive to all hazards.
- Objective 2: Provide quick and exceptional fire, medical, and emergency response.
- Initiative 2: Remain on the leading edge of advanced pre-hospital medical interventions.

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

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Bid Tabulation

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