



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

#19-0198

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: March 5, 2019

TITLE: Motion to Approve Increase in Funds to Contract for Fire Protective
Clothing - Bunker and Bail-Out Gear – Fisher Scientific Company L.L.C. -
\$137,191

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve an increase in funds to contract No. 872-11923 for Fire Protective Clothing - Bunker and Bail-Out Gear, with Fisher Scientific Company L.L.C. ("FSC") in the amount of \$137,191.

Background

On September 19, 2017, the City Commission awarded Contract No. 872-11923 to FSC in the amount of \$296,613 (CAM 17-1028). The contract term is two years plus two one-year renewal options.

Firefighter protective clothing ("bunker gear") is the most important equipment that will ensure the protection for our firefighting personnel during fire related incidents/responses. Bunker gear provides thermal protection from the excessive heat experience in responding to fire related incidents. For optimal thermal protection, each set of bunker gear is custom fit for each firefighter.

Due to the addition of more Fire-Rescue personnel (not contemplated at the time the contract was originally entered into) and replacements for equipment with excessive wear and tear in advance of the maximum life expectancy, an increase to the current contract amount is needed.

Staff is now requesting a \$137,191 increase to protect new fire fighters with necessary equipment and to replace bunker gear that is reaching its life expectancy. Procurement Services was able to negotiate a 6% discount for this additional equipment.

Resource Impact

There will be a current fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$137,191. Funds for this action are available in the account listed below.

<i>Funds available on 02/18/2019</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
001-FIR030101-3949	Fire-Rescue Support	Services & Materials/ Uniforms	\$3,446,168.00	\$2,060,665.00	\$137,191
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$137,191

Strategic Connections

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

- Goal 9: Be the safest urban coastal City in South Florida through preventative and responsive police and fire protection.
- Objective 2: Provide quick and exceptional fire, medical, and emergency response.

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

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