



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

**#19-0274**

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

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** April 2, 2019

**TITLE:** Motion to Approve Purchase of Power Pro XT Ambulance Cots and  
Required Accessories – Stryker EMS Equipment - \$236,666.10

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the proprietary purchase of 12 Power Pro XT ambulance cots (pneumatic stretchers) and required accessories from Stryker EMS Equipment in the amount of \$236,666.10.

**Background**

The use of pneumatic stretchers has improved the ergonomic environment for emergency medical crews in raising and lowering the stretchers, reducing potential injury to both patients and personnel, and has provided safer and more comfortable transportation for patients. These powered cots have unique features and characteristics that contribute to a high degree of safety, maintenance, and ease of use. Unique features of these cots include but are not limited to:

- (1) A 700-pound patient weight capacity.
- (2) The XPS (expandable patient surface) and knee-gatch addition helps with increasing patient populations and bariatric responses.
- (3) The “steer lock” function makes moving and handling the Power Pro XT on slants and hills far easier to manage.
- (4) Seven-year protection and service warranty per unit.

For the past five years, the Fire-Rescue Department (Department) has averaged over 30,000 emergency transports per year. The Department currently has 24 pneumatic stretchers in inventory. Twelve of those 24 stretchers are approaching the end of their useful life and are in need of replacement.

On August 21, 2018 the City Commission approved the acceptance of the FY17 Assistance to Firefighters Grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$639,756 for the purchase of the Stryker EMS Power-Load Systems to be installed on all medical

rescue units (CAM 18-0814). The only compatible units for these Power-Load Systems are the Power Pro XT ambulance cots provided by Stryker EMS Equipment.

### **Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$236,666.10 for this purchase. Funds for this purchase are available in FY 2019 Budget in the account listed below.

<b>Funds available on 3/14/2019</b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>INDEX NAME (Program)</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
001-FIR030101-6499	Fire-Rescue Support	Capital Outlay/ Other Equipment	\$705,000.00	\$331,308.00	\$236,666.10
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ►</b>					\$236,666.10

### **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*.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Sole Source Letter

Exhibit 2 – Quote

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