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FIRE DEPARTMENT**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
Fran Donelson, Administrative Secretary

FROM: Jerry Ewers, Fire Chief

DATE: February 28, 2014

SUBJECT: City Council Agenda Item – Ambulance Refurbishment Project

INTRODUCTION:

As part of the FY 13/14 budget, the City Council approved \$ 99,000 for an ambulance refurb. A chassis has been purchased for \$ 28,050 from Krieger's and we are now ready to have Foster Coach perform the ambulance refurb.

BACKGROUND:

The Muscatine Fire Department has been refurbishing ambulances instead of purchasing new ambulances, which is a cost savings of approximately \$ 30,000 - \$ 40,000 on each ambulance replacement. A refurb consists of removing the box from the old chassis and placing the old box on a new ambulance chassis. You can only reuse or remount a used box once, which means the next replacement ambulance would have to be a new purchase.

The chassis is purchased and is awaiting the refurb. This project went out to bid and we only received one bid, which was from Foster Coach. Foster Coach is the original company that has refurbished all the previous ambulances. After reviewing the bid it fully meets spec. Once the refurb project is scheduled it will take approximately 90 days for completion. The Foster Coach bid for the refurb project was \$ 70,928. The chassis was purchased for \$ 28,050 from Kriegers. We had budgeted \$99,000 for this complete refurb project, which means it will be \$ 22.00 under budget.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

Request authorization to issue purchase order to Foster Coach to refurbish one (1) ambulance for \$ 70,928.00.