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**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jerry Ewers, Fire Chief

DATE: February 1, 2016

SUBJECT: Council Agenda Item – SCBA Bottles

INTRODUCTION:

As part of the FY 15/16 budget, the City Council approved a total of \$ 60,000 to replace our self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) bottles.

BACKGROUND:

The original purchase for our SCBA bottles and packs were made through an AFG/DHS grant with a 10% city match. SCBA bottles need replaced due to reaching mandated end of service life. The life span for a new bottle will be 15 years as long as they pass the DOT inspections and hydro tests every 5 years. The purchase is for 61 thirty minute bottles, 3 sixty minute bottles, 4 ten minute bottles and 1 SCBA airpak harness.

Only two vendors are available to sell this product. The first quote from MES was \$ 54,361.00 and the second quote was from Feld Fire for \$ 51,850.00. We have \$ 60,000 budgeted for this purchase. We recommend purchasing from Feld Fire, which will be \$ 8,150.00 under budget. We are requesting to purchase these now since we are being told there will be a 8.5% increase in February for all Scott Products, which is a cost savings of \$ 4,407.25 on this order.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

Request authorization to issue a purchase order to Feld Fire for \$ 51,850.00 to purchase replacement bottles and an SCBA pack. The budgeted amount for this purchase was \$ 60,000. This purchase will be \$ 8,150.00 under budget.