

City of Hesperia

STAFF REPORT



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TO: Chair and Board Members, Hesperia Fire Protection District

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SUBJECT: Purchase of New Replacement Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA's)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the Hesperia Fire Protection District (HFPD) Board of Directors authorize the purchase of new replacement Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA's) with Bauer Compressors for a total amount not-to-exceed \$255,132.

BACKGROUND

The current SCBA's in service were manufactured by Draeger, Company. These SCBA's have been in active service for nearly 15 years, with more than three quarters of the components and bottles reaching the end of their 15 year lifespan. The current SCBA's are not eligible for additional hydrostatic testing to extend their usable lifespan and cannot be used past August of 2017. Advancements in technology and safety features have also increased over the last 15 years, making the current SCBA's dated and obsolete.

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

County Fire must replace our entire inventory of SCBA's countywide before August 31st 2017 due to current equipment expiring and the need to upgrade packs to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1981; 2013 Edition. This new edition has added safety measures in the packs and are, in some ways, more universal. HFPD is responsible for the cost of these capital equipment purchase costs for the number of SCBA's proportionate to the use in the City Fire Stations.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost to replace the obsolete SCBA's is \$255,132, which will be paid from Fire Capital reserves, and will be included as a year-end FY 2016-17 budget amendment.

ALTERNATIVE(S)

Provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None