



**DATE:** May 17, 2006

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Fire Department

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF A BUDGET APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND UNALLOCATED FUND BALANCE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF 35 SETS OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) TURNOUTS AND THE PURCHASE OF 2 PPE WASHER/EXTRACTORS**

**SYNOPSIS**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a budget appropriation in the amount of \$83,000 from the General Fund Unallocated Fund Balance to the Fire Department for the purchase of 35 sets of personal protective equipment turnouts at a cost of \$62,200 and the purchase of 2 PPE washer/extractors at a cost of \$20,800.

**BACKGROUND**

Each year firefighters are injured and some die because they do not have protective clothing and equipment or do not use it properly. No equipment can guarantee a firefighter's safety, but full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) offer firefighters a better chance to carry out their duties effectively without suffering injury or death. The margin of safety is further improved if that equipment is carefully selected, properly maintained, and used at all appropriate times.

The protective equipment that firefighters wear while combating structural fires must be viewed as a system. That system must include a helmet, a protective turnout coat and trousers, gloves, footwear, and SCBA. Together, these can protect firefighters from toxic fumes and gases, heat, moisture, puncture, impact, and other adverse environmental conditions.

The Oceanside Fire Department has mandated that the department will provide, in accordance with NFPA 1500 (*standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health program*), protective clothing for all employees working in a hazardous area. Each employee will be provided a primary and secondary set of full structural turnouts.

Washer/Extractors will be provided for cleaning and decontaminating PPE turnouts.

**ANALYSIS**

Personal protective equipment turnouts are required to be worn on several different types of incidents. With the recent growth in our department, the Equipment Officer has determined that 35 sets of updated PPE turnouts are needed to provide a second set for firefighters who are involved in fire emergencies and other hazardous operations.

To properly care for this equipment, two washer/extractors will be purchased and placed at the Training Facility and Fire Station 5.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The cost of the 35 sets of PPE Turnouts is \$62,200 and the 2 washer/extractors is \$20,800. A budget appropriation in the amount of \$83,000 from the General Fund Unallocated Fund Balance (101.3301) to the Fire Department Fire Suppression account (384530.5223) will be necessary to fund the purchase. As of May 1, 2006, the remaining balance in the General Fund Unallocated Fund Balance is \$1,611,048.

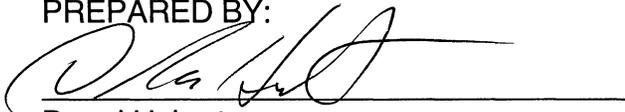
**CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS**

City Attorney analysis does not apply

**RECOMMENDATION**

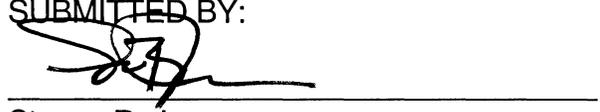
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