

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FIREFIGHTER PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

SOURCE: FIRE DEPARTMENT

COMMENT: The Fire Department requests authorization to purchase ten (10) sets of firefighting turnouts from L.N. Curtis & Sons for \$15,938.65 including sales tax. The purchase is funded entirely through the department's 2011 SAFER grant. This purchase will complete the protective equipment ensemble for ten (10) Reserve Firefighters hired through the SAFER grant program.

L.N. Curtis is the sole supplier of the "Gxtreme" protective turnout garments. The turnout pants and coats together constitute a complete matched set and cannot be mismatched with other brands of products without voiding the manufacturer's warranty for heat, direct flame, and vapor protection. To maintain compatibility with the departments existing inventory of protective clothing and to present a uniform appearance to the public, it is desirable to remain consistent with garments already in use by the Fire Department.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council approve the purchase of ten (10) sets of turnout coats and pants from L.N. Curtis and Sons for \$15,938.65.

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