

Action Item: Replacement of Genesis Spreaders and Cutters

Requested Amount: \$24,444.00 **Department:** Fire Department **Purpose:** Replacement of critical rescue tools (Genesis spreaders and Genesis cutters)

Summary

The Fire Department is requesting approval to purchase a new set of Genesis spreaders and Genesis cutters to ensure operational readiness and community safety. The current spreaders are the only functioning pair available to the department, leaving no backup equipment in the event of mechanical failure or simultaneous incidents.

Background & Justification

- The department's existing Genesis spreaders are aging and represent the sole operational unit, creating a single point of failure during emergency response.
- During recent training, the battery on the current Genesis cutters became pinned and caused damage to the plastic housing that secures the battery. Although repairs were made to the best extent possible, the tool remains compromised and poses a risk of failure during critical operations.
- These tools are essential for vehicle extrication and other rescue scenarios. Any malfunction during an emergency could endanger both responders and the public.
- The department's current budget supports the replacement purchase, and acquiring new equipment will restore reliability, eliminate operational risk, and maintain the department's readiness to respond effectively.

Recommendation

Approval of the purchase of new Genesis spreaders and Genesis cutters in the amount of **\$24,444.00** to ensure the Fire Department remains fully equipped and capable of providing safe, timely emergency response.