



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Sean Thuilliez, Chief of Police
DATE: May 17, 2022
SUBJECT: Purchase of Battery-Operated Extrication Equipment in the Amount Not to Exceed \$43,432.77 from Western Extrication Specialists, Inc.

Background and Analysis:

The City of Beaumont experiences numerous vehicle collisions that often require medical aid to respond to the scene. In addition, Interstate 10 and State Route 60 Freeways, along with Highway 79, all travel through the City of Beaumont. Due to the high vehicle density in Beaumont, Fire Station 66, which is staffed with an engine and a squad, responds to other collisions both on the highways and in the City. In 2021, Fire Engine 66 responded to 429 traffic collisions and Fire Squad 66 responded to 206 traffic collisions.

There are times when the collisions cause the occupants to be trapped or impinged inside the vehicle due to either the severity of the impact, a roll-over, or the vehicle rolls down an embankment. Due to this potential, each fire engine is equipped with specific extrication equipment. Many times, a fire engine equipped with extricating equipment is committed to other emergencies and is not able to respond in a timely manner. To avoid such situation, City staff is requesting to equip Fire Squad 66 with a full set of extrication tools. The squad vehicle has more flexibility to break away from active calls to respond to collisions.

The equipment proposed for purchase is battery operated and allows for rapid deployment once at the scene of a trapped victim. It also makes for easy access to victims who may be trapped in a vehicle which has crashed over the side of a hill.

Holmatro makes a full set of Electric (Battery Powered) extrication tools. These new tools perform to the new vehicle technology and are better to use in certain emergencies. These emergencies include vehicles that are off the roadway where a rope rescue is needed, or in a resting position where it is difficult for managing the

hydraulic hoses and heavier tools in confined spaces. This set is ideal for the uses of Fire Squad 66.

This same equipment has previously been procured through the County of Riverside through Western Extrication Specialists. The City is able to ensure a price match and equipment consistency throughout the local service area by purchasing through Western Extrication Specialists as well.

Fiscal Impact:

The total cost for purchasing the equipment is \$43,432.77 and will be funded from account 100-2100-0000-7070.

Recommended Action:

Approve the purchase of the Holmatro Battery-Operated Extrication Equipment from Western Extrication Specialists for a total of \$43,432.77.

- PSP 40 Spreader,
- PCU50 Cutter,
- PTR Telescoping Ram,
- TRE05 Extension Pipe (for Ram),
- Battery,
- Battery Charger,
- Pulling Chain, and
- Pulling Chain Attachment Set.

Attachments:

- A. Invoice