
City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Fire/EMS Department
FROM: Casey Davis, Fire Chief
MEETING: February 3, 2025

SUBJECT:

Consider and take possible action a contract with Southern Emergency & Rescue Vehicle Sales for the purchase of two Horton 603 Type I Ambulances through a cooperative purchasing agreement with BuyBoard Vendor Contract #745-24, for a cost of \$832,659.93. (Staff Contact: Casey Davis, Fire Chief)

SUMMARY:

The purchase of two ambulances is essential to enhance Burleson Fire/EMS's service capacity. Both units will be placed into service upon delivery, enabling the department to staff a fourth ambulance and add a much-needed reserve unit to the fleet. One unit will be designated as a future frontline MICU (Mobile Intensive Care Unit) transport vehicle, with its deployment timeline—whether part-time or full-time—guided by UHU% (Unit Hour Utilization) metrics. This will drive how and when we begin running a fourth ambulance as a permanent part of our fleet. The second unit will be placed into frontline service, allowing an existing unit to transition into a reserve role. This will help ensure continued reliability and bolster the department's EMS readiness and response.

The chassis and ambulance boxes will be procured through Southern Emergency & Rescue Vehicle Sales. In partnership with the City's Fleet Services, Technology Department, and third-party vendors, Burleson Fire/EMS will manage the acquisition and installation of all required equipment. The total estimated cost for two fully equipped units is \$1,325,292.

Additionally, the department has applied for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) as a potential funding source for this purchase. However, grant approval is not guaranteed, and we do not expect a response until September 2025.

We respectfully request that Council approve the funding for this purchase to ensure timely procurement, with the understanding that grant funding, if awarded, may reduce the overall cost.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

On 11-18-2024, the Council received a report and engaged in a discussion to provide staff with direction. The Council expressed support for the identified need and indicated interest in exploring the option of issuing debt to fund the purchase of two new ambulances.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Proposed Expenditure/Revenue: Expenditure
Account Number(s): 4262202-70025

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