

April 15, 2025

Chief Brian Cole
Deputy Chief Jonathan Morrison
Casco Fire/Rescue

Re: New Ambulance 61 Recommendation

Dear Chief Cole and Deputy Chief Morrison,

The new ambulance committee recommends, 4-0 in favor, that the Town of Casco Fire/Rescue Department purchases a 2026 Ford F-550 7.3L Gas 4x4/Braun Chief XL type 1 ambulance from Autotronics, LLC of Madawaska, ME, to replace Ambulance 61. The initial bid proposal of \$414,978.00 has been reduced to \$384,073.00 after the following bid specifications have been removed/changed by the ambulance committee:

1. Deletion of the O2 cylinder power lift (\$4859.00)
2. Deletion of the Whelen Cloud Platform (\$17778.00)
3. Change of front roll-up door in module with standard hinge doors (\$1867.00)
4. Transfer the current Howler from A61 to the new A61 (\$1122.00)
5. Change of 3 TecNiq Cluster lights with standard M9 lighting (\$879.00)
6. Change Front Module turn signals to standard M6 lights (\$776.00)
7. Change OOS#1 Door to be full height (\$500.00)
8. Deletion of curbside window (\$684.00)
9. Deletion of recessed license plate (\$228.00)
10. Camera System (CREDIT) (\$2212.00)

The updated cost proposal from Autotronics, LLC is attached.

The ambulance committee's recommendation comes after two-plus months of reviewing both ambulance bid proposals received by Greenwood Emergency Vehicles (Horton) and Autotronics, LLC (Braun), conversions with current members within the Casco Fire/Rescue Department, and members of other area fire/rescue departments that currently operate Braun Ambulances, and knowledge of current concerns with Casco's Horton Ambulances.

The ambulance committee looks forward to working with representatives from Autotronics, LLC, in the final build process to provide a safe and reliable ambulance for the Casco Fire/Rescue Department, the Town of Casco, and our citizens and visitors.

Sincerely,

Lt. James Gerry
Casco Fire/Rescue
New Ambulance Committee Chair