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From: Jason Bryant
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 10:46 AM
To: Kevin Harris; John Solmon
Cc: Stephen Sears
Subject: Request for Budget Reallocation – Fire Department Capital Equipment Purchases
Attachments: Cleveland Ga. - Aeroflex Phenix Helmet Quote.pdf; Kenwood Radios.doc

Good afternoon,

I am requesting approval to utilize previously approved Fire Department capital funds for the purchase of critical operational equipment that will improve firefighter safety and communications reliability.

The first request is for the purchase of three Kenwood portable radios with accessories from Mountain Communications at a total cost of \$4,206. These radios will improve operational communications, interoperability, and firefighter safety during emergency incidents. Our current portable radios are aging and approaching their recommended replacement cycle.

The second request is for the purchase of five sets of structural firefighting PPE components (coats, pants, and helmets) from Williams Fire Apparatus totaling \$24,927. This equipment will replace aging protective gear that is nearing its recommended service life and ensure our firefighters have compliant safety equipment as we continue transitioning toward a more full-time staffing model.

These purchases would be funded through approved Fire Department capital funds and do not require additional budget appropriations. Both requests represent planned equipment replacement needs as part of maintaining safe and reliable emergency response operations.

These investments directly support firefighter safety, operational readiness, and our ability to maintain the level of fire protection expected by the City of Cleveland.

Please let me know if any additional information is needed.

Respectfully,

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