

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Rescue Boat for the Columbus Fire and EMS Department
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of a RescueOne Connector Boat® from RescueOne Connector Boats/Marine One Corporation, (Southside, AL) in the amount of \$57,950.00, plus applicable delivery costs. The purchase will be partially funded by OLOST funds reallocation.

Columbus Fire and EMS serves as the only water rescue team in the area and the Columbus Fire and EMS Water Rescue Team is in desperate need of rescue boats. The current boats are over 15 years old and have served their purpose. These boats and wave runners are not capable of being frontline equipment anymore and will be used as backup equipment if approved to purchase new equipment. The Department is concerned that responses to water rescue calls will not be adequately accomplished with the current equipment.

The RescueOne Connector Boat® is a one-of-a-kind boat that can be used as a rescue/recovery boat in deep water or can be used in water as deep as one foot in flood instances. The boat supports rescue divers and their gear without sacrificing safety. The Diver Support/ Victim Lift is a tool that would be used often due to the number of rescue/recoveries that Columbus Fire and EMS responds to annually. Lastly, the Helix Hummingbird Side Scan Sonar System allows the water team to search underwater for items or victims before deploying divers which is a huge safety concern.

RescueOne Connector Boats/Marine One Corporation holds the registered patent for the RescueOne Connector Boat®. Consequently, the vendor is deemed the only known source for the purchase of the equipment, per the Procurement Ordinance, Section 3-114.

The purchase will be partially funded by OLOST funds reallocation. Therefore, Funding in the amount of \$49,100.00 is available in the FY22 Budget: LOST/Public Safety – Fire & EMS – Public Safety/LOST – Capital Expenditures/Over \$5,000; 0102 – 410 – 9900 -LOST – 7761.

Funding in the amount of \$8,850.00 is available in the FY22 Budget: Multi-Government Project Fund – Fire & EMS – Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation - Capital Expenditures/Over \$5,000; 0216 – 410 – 3936 – FSUB - 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A RESCUEONE CONNECTOR BOAT® FROM RESCUEONE CONNECTOR BOATS/MARINE ONE CORPORATION, (SOUTHSIDE, AL) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,950.00, PLUS APPLICABLE DELIVERY COSTS. THE PURCHASE WILL BE PARTIALLY FUNDED BY OLOST FUNDS REALLOCATION.

WHEREAS, Columbus Fire and EMS serves as the only water rescue team in the area and the Columbus Fire and EMS Water Rescue Team is in desperate need of rescue boats. The current boats are over 15 years old and have served their purpose. These boats and wave runners are not capable of being frontline equipment anymore and will be used as backup equipment if approved to purchase new equipment. The Department is concerned that responses to water rescue calls will not be adequately accomplished with the current equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the RescueOne Connector Boat® is a one-of-a-kind boat that can be used as a rescue/recovery boat in deep water or can be used in water as deep as one foot in flood instances. The boat supports rescue divers and their gear without sacrificing safety. The Diver Support/ Victim Lift is a tool that would be used often due to the number of rescue/recoveries that Columbus Fire and EMS responds to annually. Lastly, the Helix Hummingbird Side Scan Sonar System allows the water team to search underwater for items or victims before deploying divers which is a huge safety concern; and,

WHEREAS, RescueOne Connector Boats/Marine One Corporation holds the registered patent for the RescueOne Connector Boat®. Consequently, the vendor is deemed the only known source for the purchase of the equipment, per the Procurement Ordinance, Section 3-114.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase a RescueOne Connector Boat® from RescueOne Connector Boats/Marine One Corporation, (Southside, AL) in the amount of \$57,950.00, plus applicable delivery costs.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting _____.
Councilor Barnes voting _____.
Councilor Crabb voting _____.
Councilor Davis voting _____.
Councilor Garrett voting _____.
Councilor House voting _____.
Councilor Huff voting _____.
Councilor Thomas voting _____.
Councilor Tucker voting _____.
Councilor Woodson voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor