

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Thermal Imagers with Feature Pack for Fire & EMS Department – North Carolina Sheriffs Association Cooperative Contract Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of fourteen (14) Bullard QXT Pro thermal imagers with feature packs for the Fire & EMS Department from C.W Williams & Company, LLC (Rocky Mount, NC) in the total amount of \$92,568.42. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, 24-01-0524.

The thermal imagers are needed to replace outdated equipment. Thermal imagers are needed on every fire apparatus to be used by firefighters to find hidden heat sources in structure fires. This equipment enables firefighters to go directly to the source of a fire, thereby limiting property damage. The newer models are also able to detect individuals in high heat areas.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Bid #24-01-0524, initiated by North Carolina Sheriffs' Association (NCSA), whereby C.W Williams & Company, LLC was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide First Responder Supplies and Equipment. The contract, which commenced June 18, 2023, is good through June 17, 2024. The contract available under NCSA has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. The North Carolina Sheriffs' Association offers nationwide contracts for Heavy Equipment, Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement Specialty Vehicles, Technology, and First Responder Supplies and Equipment. The program is open not only to sheriff's offices, but also to any county or city agency. The primary goals of the NCSA Vehicle Procurement, Vehicle Equipment and Upfitting Procurement, Technology Procurement, Tire Procurement, Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement Specialty Vehicles (Previously Fire and EMS) Procurement, and Heavy Equipment Procurement Programs are efficient delivery, best value through competition, fair and equitable contracting opportunities for suppliers, and maintaining of public confidence through ethical and transparent procurement practices. The Bid process utilized by NCSA meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, Cooperative Purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance.

Funds are available in the FY24 Budget: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety - Capital Expenditure Over \$5,000 – Public Safety Vehicles/Equipment-Fire/EMS; 0567 – 696 – 3111 – STPS – 7761 – 54152 – 20240.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FOURTEEN (14) BULLARD QXT PRO THERMAL IMAGERS WITH FEATURE PACKS FOR THE FIRE & EMS DEPARTMENT FROM C.W WILLIAMS & COMPANY, LLC (ROCKY MOUNT, NC) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$92,568.42. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA THE NORTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION, 24-01-0524.

WHEREAS, the thermal imagers are needed to replace outdated equipment. Thermal imagers are needed on every fire apparatus to be used by firefighters to find hidden heat sources in structure fires. This equipment enables firefighters to go directly to the source of a fire, thereby limiting property damage. The newer models are also able to detect individuals in high heat areas; and,

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase fourteen (14) Bullard QXT Pro thermal imagers with feature packs for the Fire & EMS Department from C.W Williams & Company, LLC (Rocky Mount, NC) in the total amount of \$92,568.42. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via the North Carolina Sheriffs Association, 24-01-0524. Funds are available in the FY24 Budget: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety - Capital Expenditure Over \$5,000 – Public Safety Vehicles/Equipment-Fire/EMS; 0567 – 696 – 3111 – STPS – 7761 – 54152 – 20240.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Council District 1 Seat	voting _____
Councilor Begly	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Thomas	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor