

## Staff Report

**Subject:** Request for approval to rent Turnout Gear  
**Author:** Clint Hodges, Fire Chief & EMA Director  
**Department:** 55-Fire  
**Meeting Date:** 08/16/2022  
**Item Description:** Consideration to approve the rent Turnout Gear

**Summary Recommendation:** Staff recommends approving renting up to 10 sets of Turnout Gear from Fire-Dex, GW LLC

**Executive Summary/Background:** Effingham County Fire Rescue, along with many other fire departments in the nation, is dealing with supply chain issues in regards to turnout gear delivery times.

While the annual order for FY2023 will be coming to the board next meeting, the annual order from last Fiscal Year will not arrive until at least December of this year.

Due to the extreme delivery times, Fire Rescue is seeking the ability to rent up to 10 sets of turnout gear for use in the upcoming recruit class. Generally, the recruit class puts significant wear and tear on gear, and utilizing rental gear seems to be the most practical, and potentially cost saving option at the moment.

Rental cost for head to toe gear is \$860/set for 6 months.

As this item will have to be funded from Operating vs. Capital, staff have discussed the need for a budget amendment, which is being presented in the meeting.

### **Options/Alternatives for Commission to Consider:**

**Recommended Option:** Consideration to approve renting up to 10 sets of Turnout Gear from Fire-Dex, GW LLC

**Other Alternative(s):** Deny

**Department Review:** Fire, Finance, County Manager

**Funding Source:** TBD: \$8,600

**Attachments:** Rental Agreement