



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: 4-14-25

AGENDA ITEM: Consider approving entering into a 3 year contract with FireCatt for hose testing with the Grand Rapids Fire Department

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BACKGROUND:

Hose testing is a requirement that fire departments must complete annually to certify our fire hose is able to withstand the pressures needed in fire suppression. We have tried in the past to test our hose in-house but have found that it takes up 3-4 drill nights to accomplish which takes time away from using these drills to practice our regular training needs and using our fire trucks to test also puts undue wear and tear on our pumps which causes damage to them. We have not been able to complete this requirement the past several years due to not having the capability to complete testing. This requirement also affects our ISO insurance rating for points if it is not completed.

FireCatt will provide annual service pressure testing per the **NFPA 1930 (Formally NFPA 1962)**, for Hose and Ladders (Formally NFPA 1932) using patented technology test equipment designed for safety, accuracy and efficiency. Several fire departments in our area currently use this company to test hose such as Cohasset Fire Department and Hill City Fire Department.

FireCatts pricing provided three options for pricing. Grand Rapids Fire Department would like to move forward with hiring FireCatt using option 2 which consists of a 3-year guaranteed pricing service agreement with FireCatt testing the hose and GRFD staff providing labor to repack the apparatus with a cost of \$0.35 per foot for the first year, \$0.37 per foot the second year and \$0.39 per foot the third year. This cost would be spread over all the trucks budgeted maintenance line items in the general operating fire budget.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to accept the 3-year service agreement with FireCatt using option 2 for testing with GRFD providing labor to repack our trucks and authorize the proper signatures to execute the agreement.