

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: June 27, 2023

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

Through: Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

From: Robert Grabowski, Fire Chief

Topic: Fire Department Turnout Gear Purchase/Budget Amendment

PURPOSE

Approve the purchase of 20 sets of turnout gear for all Firefighters/Paramedics including the Fire Chief and Deputy Chief. This would be the second set of gear for all firefighters. There is one member of the fire department that needs to replace a pair of gear pants bring the total number of requested gear pants to be purchased to 21. A budget amendment is required to allocate American Rescue Plan Act (APRA) funds to cover the cost of this second set of turnout gear.

PROCESS

Bunker gear (also known as turnout gear) is the personal protective equipment (PPE) used by firefighters. The term is derived from the fact that the trousers and boots are traditionally kept by the firefighter's bunk at the fire station to be readily available for use. For many years, our firefighters have had only one set of turnout gear. This gear should be cleaned periodically, removing the hazardous debris that collects on the turnout gear during a fire event. Having the second set of gear provides firefighters the ability to wash a set while having a clean set ready to respond to the next incident.

For over 10 years, the Fire Department has purchased gear from Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. of Lombard, IL as they are the sole provider of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) approved gear that our gear committee has approved based on our research and test trials.

OUTCOME

The approval and purchase of 20 sets of turnout gear (coats) and 21 sets of turnout gear (pants) will provide a critical and necessary second set of gear per NFPA recommendation for all firefighters.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Funding Source:** ARPA Funding
- **Budgeted Amount:** \$0
- **ARPA Allocated Amount:** \$80,000
- **Cost:** \$73,550.00

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LEGAL REVIEW

Not Required

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Approve a budget amendment allocating \$73,550 of ARPA funds, waive competitive bidding due to a sole source provider; and, approve the purchase of 20 sets of turnout gear coats and 21 sets of turnout gear pants from Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. of Lombard, IL in an amount not to exceed \$73,550.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Quote from MES Inc.