



TO: PUBLIC PROTECTION & SAFETY COMMITTEE

FROM: JACOB CARREL, FIRE CHIEF

RE: Used Ambulance Purchase

DATE: February 10, 2022

Proposal

I believe it is in the best interest of our community to purchase a used ambulance immediately to bring our fleet of ambulances to three. The new ambulance that we ordered does not have an estimated arrival time, although we are being told that it could be an extended wait. Once we receive the new ambulance and place it into service, we can then sell one of our ambulances in an attempt to recover the majority of the used ambulance purchase price.

Background

Historically the City of Kaukauna has maintained a fleet of two ambulances. This works most of the time as long as both ambulances are in service. Even with both in service, we sometimes rely on mutual aid due to multiple calls. However, if an ambulance is down due to maintenance or repairs, we have to rely heavily on mutual aid ambulances, which is not a good situation.

In December of 2021, the City Council supported placing the order for the third ambulance to increase our fleet to three ambulances. This will serve us well when it arrives, but ambulance manufacturers are not immune to the supply chain issues we see with nearly everything we buy. We do not have a good estimate of when it may arrive, although I'm hopeful it will be in late 2022 or early 2023.

Funding

We have begun our ambulance coverage agreement with the Village of Combined Locks, and they've been billed \$72,540 for this calendar year. This revenue was unbudgeted for the first year, as we knew there would be some unforeseen expenses as we work through our first year of the agreement.

We entered this agreement with the understanding that it can benefit both communities. This purchase will have an immediate impact and increase ambulance availability in both communities.

Recommended Action

I am seeking authorization to move forward with purchasing a used ambulance.