



MEMORANDUM

TO: Hon. Mayor and Board of Commissioners
THROUGH: Clint Belk, Acting City Manager
FROM: John Mortellite, Acting Fire Chief
DATE: April 8, 2026
RE: Approval of purchase of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus

Background

The Madeira Beach Fire Department must replace the 2013 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units and associated accessories due to age and compliance requirements. The Deputy Chief and Operations Officer evaluated several SCBA brands currently available on the market, comparing features, performance, and cost. Based on this evaluation, the SCOTT Air-Pack and related accessories were determined to be the best fit for the department's operational needs.

Municipal Emergency Services (MES) is a local vendor that the department has used for previous fire equipment purchases. MES also honors pricing available through the Lake County Contract 22-730G, allowing the City to utilize a piggyback purchasing option that provides significant cost savings.

For several years, including the most recent grant cycle, staff applied for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to help offset the cost of replacing the SCBA equipment. Unfortunately, the department has not been awarded funding through this program.

Fiscal Impact

The replacement of SCBA air packs, accessories, and additional equipment has been budgeted in the FY26 Capital Equipment budget. Using the piggyback contract through Lake County Contract 22-730G, the total cost for full replacement is \$306,831.81.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval to piggyback on Lake County Contract 22-730G to purchase SCBA air packs, accessories, and additional equipment from Municipal Emergency Services (MES) to replace the department's 2013 units due to age and compliance regulations.

Attachment(s): MES Quote

