



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 06/27/2023

**REQUESTER:** David Grizzle, Emergency Management Coordinator

**PRESENTER:** David Grizzle, Emergency Management Coordinator

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RATIFICATION OF THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY REPAIRS AT FIRE STATION SEVEN AND THE REPLACEMENT OF AN OUTDOOR WARNING SIREN AND POLE DAMAGED BY THE TORNADO ON FEBRUARY 27, 2023; AUTHORIZE FINAL PAYMENT AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

On February 26, 2023, an EF-2 tornado touched down on the south side of Norman. The tornado destroyed a residence close to the outdoor warning siren located south of Lindsey on SE 36<sup>th</sup>. The unit is identified as Siren Unit #23. The roof from the house destroyed by the tornado lifted and was blown directly into the siren, tearing the tower of speakers from the concrete pole. This further caused the control box and battery case to be destroyed. The force of the impact twisted the concrete pole and fractured the concrete base.

On the same date, the Fire Training facility adjacent to Fire Station #7, the Recreational Vehicle Shelter for the Emergency Management trailers, the Suppression trailer, and the Fire Department multi-passenger vehicle were damaged. Many sections of the metal material were destroyed by the winds and the structure weakened as the frame lost support from the force of the wind and movement of the structure.

### **DISCUSSION:**

During the initial damage assessment of the storm, the siren maintenance technicians verified the status of all the units in the path of the storm. They found miscellaneous damage to a few of the sirens. They found unit number 23 had suffered major damage and determined the unit to be destroyed. In coordination with the siren vendor, a closer inspection of the concrete pole was made and it was verified the pole sustained enough force to twist and crack the pole; the pole was determined to need replacement. This equipment carries no additional insurance coverage and no financial assistance from either state or federal sources is expected. Replacement of the unit will be entirely from the General Fund. Emergency Management Division staff requested the attached quote from a qualified vendor, SafetyCom for replacement of the siren unit.

The attached quote for the repair and replacement of the RV Structure was also obtained.

The City Code, Section 12-204 allows for the waiver of competitive bidding requirements for purchases on an emergency basis.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. It is recommended Council affirm the actions needed to replace the outdoor warning siren located south of Lindsey on SE 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue, known as Unit #23.
2. It is recommended Council affirm the actions needed to repair and replace needed material on the RV cover located at the Fire Training Center at Fire Station 7.
3. It is recommended Council appropriate \$60,315 from the General Fund Balance (account 10-29000) and allocate the funds to Emergency Management/Miscellaneous Capital Items account (10664144-45799).
4. It is recommended Council appropriate \$1,550 from the General Fund Balance (account 10-29000) and allocate the funds into the Emergency Management/Repair Services/Buildings and Facilities account (10664144-44210).