

Fire Department Memorandum

To: Daniel Bucholtz City Administrator, City of Spring Lake Park
Nyle Zikmund City Administrator, City of Mounds View
Michelle Wolfe City Manager, City of Blaine

From: Dan Retka, Fire Chief

Date: June 20, 2024

Re: New Fire Engine Purchase

Attached to this memo, you will find the most recent Capital Improvement Plan.

To continue keeping our apparatus on a realistic replacement schedule per our capital plan, SBMFD requests authorization to order a new fully equipped fire engine. This truck will replace the 2007 Rosenbauer.

NFPA recommends the replacement of front-line Fire Engines no later than 15 years. The truck being replaced is currently 17 years old and has exceeded its useful life serving our communities.

The staff has received bids from 3 different manufacturers and has selected Midwest Fire Apparatus, based in Lavern, MN. The truck is a smaller version of the latest Engine purchased in 2023. Once the contract is signed, the current build time is 36 months. Midwest had the lowest bid, with the shortest build time.

Because of the long build time and the upcoming emissions standards, we are requesting authorization to place the order ASAP to avoid a large increase in the chassis' cost. A \$10,000 deposit is required when the order is placed. The remaining balance is due at the time of delivery.

The current cost of the Truck: \$700,000

Associated equipment: \$200,000

Total cost: \$900,000

Thank you for your consideration.

Chief Retka

