



Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda Item Submittal

Item To Be Considered: **Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Sale and Acquisition**

Board Meeting Date: **October 22, 2024**

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Overview: Through an assessment of our operational capabilities, we have identified the inability to effectively operate with other agencies with the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) that was purchased in December 2022 using ARP funds.

Since April 2023, the agencies with which we operate with for emergency operations has increased and all the agencies operate with SCOTT SCBAs. We have had two large incidents where our personnel were rendered inoperable due to the lack of spare SCBA cylinders. The differing systems mean our crews are limited to the spare cylinders on the apparatus versus having the ability to be interchangeable with other agencies on the scene. The need has been present for a while. However, we have found a solution to replace the apparatus while causing no negative budgetary impacts for the next four years, allowing the replacement to be incorporated into our capital improvement planning.

Summerville Bunnlevel Fire & Rescue, located in Harnett County, has expressed interest in purchasing our current inventory of SCBAs. Their small volunteer department runs the MSA equipment, and their current gear is expiring. The sale of the equipment will be for \$200,000. We would, in return, acquire the new SCBAs through a community leasing program with Rhinehart Fire Services, 1 of 2 available providers, which has acquired the lowest pricing from the manufacturer of SCOTT, 3m. The annual payments would equal the payments from Summerville-Bunnlevel Fire & Rescue for the first four years, creating a revenue source for the first four years. After the current equipment is paid off, the Town would then become solely responsible for the payment amount. Allowing a planned transition to align future funding sources, no current budgetary impacts, and the ability for our personnel to be interoperable, safe, and efficient on the fire ground.

Background Attachment(s): N/A

Recommended Action:

- 1) Approval to surplus the current MSA Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus.
- 2) Approval for the Town Manager and Fire Chief to execute a sales agreement with Summerville Bunnlevel Fire & Rescue Inc.
- 3) Approval to acquire new SCOTT Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, through Rhinehart Fire Services in the amount of \$300,200.15.
- 4) Approval to seek financing with Community Leasing Partners, a division of Community First National Bank, for the amount \$260,183.15.

Action: _____

