

## Legislation Text

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**PRESENTER:**

Patrick O'Connell, Fire Chief

**SUBJECT:**

Approval of a purchase with NAFECO for personal protective firefighting equipment for the New Braunfels Fire Department.

**DEPARTMENT:** Fire Department

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** City Wide

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Fire Department is requesting a second National Fire Protection Association compliant bunker gear for all staff in the Fire Department. The personal protective equipment, PPE, gear includes a bunker coat, pant hood and gloves for all certified firefighters.

The Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) has adopted rules regarding the handling and cleaning of contaminated PPE that requires bagging, storage on the outside of fire apparatus, and washing as soon as possible following contamination. If other emergencies occur that require a firefighter to wear PPE, it must be taken out of the bags, re-worn, (further exposing them to the contaminants), and then the process is repeated.

This request will ensure our firefighters have a clean and dry bunker coat, pant, hood, and gloves to use following an incident that contaminates their primary set of bunker gear, which will allow for quicker laundering of contaminated gear and help minimize the instances of repeated exposures. Helmets and SCBA masks can be immediately cleaned and returned to service following use.

Based on review and evaluation, staff are recommending the purchase with NAFECO through a BuyBoard cooperative contract which has been competitively vetted. The total cost of the PPE equipment is \$318,939.

**ISSUE:**

Needed personal protective equipment for all staff to ensure firefighters clean gear is available to staff when needed.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The funding for this purchase is part of the FY 2022 operating budget for the Fire Department, therefore sufficient funds are available for this purchase.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of a purchase with NAFECO for of personal protective fir fighting equipment for the New Braunfels Fire Department.