

Legislation Text

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PRESENTER:

Matthew Bushnell, Assistant Fire Chief

SUBJECT:

Approval of a purchase with Stryker Sales Corporation for durable medical equipment for the New Braunfels Fire Department, to declare the replaced equipment as surplus.

DEPARTMENT: Fire Department

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City Wide

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Fire Department is requesting replacement for durable medical equipment that is beyond its recommended life span. The manufacturer will no longer certify the devices and can only inspect and repair the device if replacement parts are available. The following units need to be replaced to avoid the risk of response failure.

The Fire Department has standardized to the Stryker equipment, Power cots/stretchers and LUCAS chest compression devices. The Power cots and power load systems raise, lower and load patients into, and remove patients from, our ambulances in a manner that is both safer for the patient and our personnel. Since moving to power load systems, the incidence of injuries related to moving patients has declined significantly. The LUCAS device is an automated chest compression and ventilation device that delivers consistent, clinically appropriate chest compressions to cardiac arrest patients that takes the place of two responders during a cardiac arrest call. Use of the device leads to better patient outcomes.

Staff are recommending replacement of eight (8) power stretchers, one (1) power load systems, eight (8) LUCAS devices and their associated maintenance and repair plans. The Stryker equipment is a sole source provider in the emergency response services market. The Fire Department will trade-in replaced equipment (8 LUCAS chest compression units and 8 Powerpro ambulance cots) for a purchase credit of \$44,000. The total purchase cost of the medical equipment is \$248,798. Staff requests approval for the City Manager to execute contract modifications up to his authority as designated by City Ordinance 2.1.

ISSUE:

Continue to ensure the protection of citizens' lives and property

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 Stryker Sales Corporation for durable medical equipment for the New Braunfels Fire Department, to declare the replaced equipment as surplus.