



**City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
FINANCIAL ITEMS**

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Legislative File No: 2007-0585

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ron Crowell, Fire Chief
DATE: September 7, 2007
SUBJECT: Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

REQUEST:

City Council is requested to authorize the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and associated equipment from Argus-Hazco, Chesterfield, Michigan in the amount of \$291,173.08.

REASON FOR PURCHASE:

An SCBA is a tank that firefighters wear on their back and is part of personnel protective gear. These air packs allow firefighters to breath clean air while entering burning smoke filled structures and other hazardous atmospheres for the purpose of search and rescue along with fire extinguishment. This equipment is an essential part of protecting firefighters' lungs from the products of combustion and other toxic gases.

The Fire Department last purchased SCBA's in 1998. The average life span for SCBA's is about 8-10 years, which is based on usage, new advances in technology and new NFPA requirements. NFPA reviews and updates their requirements every five years and have just completed the 2007 update. This purchase will bring the fire department into compliance with the latest NFPA requirements for SCBA.

Request for Proposals were solicited and reviewed by an evaluation committee of fire personnel from the City of Rochester Hills, City of Auburn Hills and City of Rochester. Shortlisted vendors representing three manufacturers of the SCBA conducted presentations to the committee and provided demo units for testing. Subsequently, firefighter representatives of all three communities tested the units in five task oriented work stations and rated the units. As two products were equally rated, best and final offers were requested from the vendors. Scott self-contained breathing apparatus from Argus-Hazco is recommended by the Evaluation Committee and supported by the Fire Chiefs.

As Rochester Hills is the lead city in this cooperative purchase, once City Council has made an award, the cities of Auburn Hill and Rochester, as well as the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network participants can utilize the contract pricing for SCBA purchases.

PROCESS:

Vendor Name and Address:

Argus Hazco
46400 Continental Drive
Chesterfield, Michigan 48047

Reason for Selection:

Best Value

Method of Purchase:

Purchase Order

BUDGET:

Fund Name	Department Account No	Account No. Description	Budget Amount	Cost	Remaining Budget
Fire Capital Fund	402.977000	Equipment-Capitalized	\$532,000	\$291,173.08	\$240,826.92

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and associated equipment from Argus-Hazco, Chesterfield, Michigan in the amount of \$291,173.08.

RESOLUTION

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