



Agenda Cover Memorandum

Meeting Date: March 20, 2017

Fiscal Year: 2017

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole City Council Budget Workshop

Item Title: Approve the purchase order for rescue task force equipment to W.S. Darley & Co., Itasca, IL in an amount not to exceed \$10,500.00.

Item Type: Transfer Budget Amendment Purchase Order Other

Action Requested: Approval For Discussion Feedback Requested For Your Information

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Background:

Over the course of the past two years, the Park Ridge Fire Department has worked with our mutual aid partners in our MABAS Division to develop new policies and procedures for how to handle any mass casualty/active shooter incidents in our expanded area. As a background for the Council, past practice across the nation in active shooter scenarios was for the police to enter the hostile area while fire and paramedic crews waited in a safe zone or staging area that was not immediately near to the hostile area. Tragedies in Columbine, LAX Airport, and Aurora, Colorado showed that some victims bled to death in the hostile area while police worked, sometimes for hours, to isolate and detain the active shooter(s). Some of these victims could have lived if they were able to be treated by paramedics and taken to a hospital more expeditiously.

In an effort to save more lives, PRFD has been working and training with other fire and police departments in our area to develop rescue task force teams to deploy in any mass casualty/active shooter emergency in the suburbs. This rescue task force concept utilizes a model where firefighters deploy with police officers in teams of four to enter the "warm zone" of a hostile area where victims are in need of rescue. This rescue task force is able to quickly triage these victims and rapidly remove them from the hostile area and into an ambulance for treatment and transport.

We are required to provide ballistic protection to our firefighters who would deploy in any rescue task force. Captain Decker worked with PRFD staff and Commander Leavitt from the Police Department to evaluate the most economical and effective equipment and sought out bids for this equipment. We received three bids and the lowest bid was from W.S. Darley & Co. in the amount of \$9,770.40. However, this price does not include shipping, which is estimated to be approximately \$500.00. We do not have an exact amount for shipping since W.S. Darley only charges us the exact shipping costs which are determined as all the individual items are shipped out to us. Since we anticipate the shipping costs may put us over the \$10,000.00 mark, we are seeking PO authority from the Council in an amount not to exceed \$10,500.00 since we do not have an exact shipping cost at this time.

This was discussed at the March 13, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting and passed unanimously 6-0.

Recommendation:

Approve the purchase order for rescue task force equipment to W.S. Darley & Co., Itasca, IL in an amount not to exceed \$10,500.00.

Budget Implications:

Does Action Require an Expenditure of Funds: Yes No

If Yes, Total Cost: \$10,500.00

If Yes, is this a Budgeted Item: Yes No Requires Budget Amendment

If Budgeted, Budget Code (Fund, Dept, Object): 100-2023-952000

Attachment(s), if any: