

CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: February 17, 2015

To: Honorable Mayor Dukes & Members of the City Council

From: Fire Department

Presentation By: Peter H. Daley, Fire Chief

Summary

Subject: Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (Turnouts) for the Yuba City Fire Department

Recommendation: Authorize the purchase of 40 sets of Globe turnouts from L.N. Curtis & Sons of Oakland, CA in the amount of \$80,657.

Fiscal Impact: \$80,657. Funding for the purchase of new turnouts was included in the adopted FY 2015-2016 City budget.

Purpose:

Provide effective protection and safety for City firefighters.

Background:

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) creates and maintains standards and codes for usage and adoption by local governments for personal protective equipment.

NFPA established a policy setting a mandatory 10-year retirement for all protective PPE elements. The Yuba City Fire Department has spent the last two years reviewing current PPE specifications and making recommendations to upgrade our specifications to meet current safety guidelines, based on industry standards.

Analysis

Cal Fire recently completed an analysis and established new specifications for their future purchases of personal protective equipment for their personnel. Using the new CalFire specifications as a starting point, Yuba City Fire evaluated its specification and has updated our Department specification to meet the new industry standard.

Based upon our new specifications for PPE/turnouts, we contacted two manufacturers (Globe and Morning Pride) who meet the new Cal Fire specification and had each company produce one set of turnouts we would use for field tests for wear and comfort. A number of people wore both sets over a period of four months and, at the end of the test period, each person provided their input on a set of criteria: wear, comfort, mobility, etc. Based upon the firefighter's feedback and in the best interest of the City, Globe turnouts were

selected as turnout of choice. The Globe turnouts meet all new industry standards and cost less than the Morning Pride gear.

To assure the safety of our personnel and to comply with the national standard ten year retirement requirement, our goal is to implement a five year purchase cycle to allow one set to come in as the new primary turnouts, the newer ones to go into reserve status and sets that are ten years old to be taken out of use and disposed of appropriately.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding needed for this purchase is included in the current Fire Department Budget Account Number 2310-64202.

Alternatives:

Do not proceed with the proposed purchase.

Recommendation:

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