



July 31, 2019

Council Meeting of August 5, 2019
 Subject: Joint Purchase – Firefighter
 Turnout Gear

The Honorable Mayor
 and
 Members of the City Council

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The FY-2019 budget provides for the replacement of firefighting turnout gear including coat, pants, helmet, boots and hood. Several Muskegon area fire departments jointly conducted a bid process and the two bids meeting all specifications were received and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Five Alarm Delafield, Wisconsin	\$112,091
Phoenix Fire Equipment Upper Arlington, Ohio	\$113,220

The cooperative purchasing agreement allows for a savings of \$19,250 over purchasing the items separately. City Council is requested to join the other Muskegon area fire departments and enter into a purchase agreement with Five Alarm of Delafield, WI for \$112,091.

A resolution is attached for Council’s consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

 Mark C. Meyers
 City Administrator

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 Attachment

Administration/City Clerk (231) 798-4391	Assessing Division (231) 799-6806	Building Division (231) 799-6801	Finance/Treasurer (231) 799-6805	Fire Prevention (231) 799-6809	Fire Department (231) 798-2255
Parks/Recreation (231) 799-6802	Planning/Zoning (231) 799-6800	Police Department (231) 733-2691	Public Works (231) 799-6803	Streets Division (231) 798-2156	Water/Sewer (231) 799-6804

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes participation in a joint purchase with Muskegon area fire departments for the purchase of 36 sets of firefighter turnout gear including coat, pants, helmet, boots and hood to the low bidder, Five Alarm of Delafield, WI, in the amount of \$112,091.

At a rescheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of Norton Shores, held at the Norton Shores Branch Library, 705 Seminole Road, on the 5th day of August 2019, the foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Council Member _____. The motion was supported by Council Member _____.

Ayes:

Nays:

Resolution declared adopted/denied.

Shelly Stibitz, City Clerk



Internal Memo

July 30, 2019

To: Mark Meyers, City Administrator
From: Robert Gagnon, Fire Chief
Subject: Firefighter Protective Gear Replacement

The Fire Department would like to request City Council authorization to enter into a purchasing agreement with three other area fire departments for firefighter protective gear from Five Alarm of Delafield, WI. For the past several months representatives from Norton Shores, Muskegon Township, Egelston Twp. and White Lake, have been exploring the joint purchase of firefighter protective turn out gear, which includes: pants, coat, helmet, boots, hood and gloves. After reviewing various materials, styles and manufacturers the gear committee settled on the Lion line of firefighter clothing, Haix brand for boots, Dragon Fire for gloves, Red Zone for hoods and Carnes for helmets. The Lion turnout gear is the same material that our department has used for the last 5 years with great success.

The goal of the area departments was to agree on one standard of gear in order to take advantage of quantity discount pricing. This joint purchase has a side benefit as departments may be able to share gear as members leave or are added in the future. The Muskegon Township, Egelston Township and White Lake Fire Authority boards have already approved the purchase of their quantity of the protective gear.

The turnout gear being replaced is now five years old and will be held in storage to be used on a secondary basis, as needed, for future employees, replacement for damaged gear or substitute gear while primary gear is being cleaned. There are also times during the winter months where firefighters need access to secondary sets of turnout gear due to water soaked frozen gear. The department has had a 5-year gear replacement cycle for the last 15 years which has provided our firefighters with the most up to date protection available. The current secondary gear will be disposed of as it has reached the end of its life cycle as required under National Fire Protection Association standards.

The purchase request includes 36 sets of turnout gear at the quoted price of \$84,744 or \$2,354 per set, 36 structural firefighting helmets at a quoted price of \$10,656 or \$296 each, 36 pairs of structural firefighting boots at a quoted price of \$12,132 or \$337 per pair, 47 hoods at a quoted price of \$4,559 or \$97 each. The total for this purchase will be \$112,091. A savings of approximately \$19,250 could be realized as a result of the joint purchase. Funds from the Fire Department equipment reserve account, in the amount of \$145,000, have been budgeted in the Capital Improvement fund for this purchase. The funds remaining in this line item will be used to purchase a complete ensemble of firefighting turnout gear as new part-time members are added to the department.

Please let me know if you need additional information on this request.