



PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) RENTAL FOR KILLEEN FIRE ACADEMY

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Background

- The Killeen Fire Department Training Academy provides Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for our Cadets; to include coat, trousers, boots, helmets, Nomex hoods & gloves.
- The ensemble is necessary to protect the students while training in environments immediately dangerous to life or health (IDLH) during the fire academy.
- Texas Administrative Code: TITLE 37, PART 13, CHAPTER 435, RULE §435.27 requires NFPA compliant PPE during live fire exercises.

Background

- KFD has performed a study to compare the difference between renting and purchasing PPE for the KFA cadets.
- Based upon the information, we have determined it is in the best interest of all entities including the cadets to rent PPE for the following reasons:
 - PPE can be custom fit, rather than purchasing general sizes.
 - Repair/Maintenance/Cleaning costs are included in the rental agreement
 - Purchasing PPE requires a higher overall cost with no ROI over the 10-year life.
 - Fire Academy Fees have been increased to compensate the expense.

Financial Impact

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- 911 Safety Equipment will provide rental of PPE to the Killeen Fire Academy for a 4-month period.
- Pricing includes round-trip shipping.
- The FY2025 budgeted expenditure is not to exceed \$77,480.
- Conforms to city Policy and Texas Local Government Code 271.102 Subchapter F, through the GSA Purchasing Cooperative, contract # GS-07F-0424M

Recommendation

- Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the expenditure to rent Personal Protective Equipment from 911 Safety Equipment LLC for students of the Killeen Fire Academy, in an amount not to exceed \$77,480 for FY25, and that the City Manager, or his designee, is expressly authorized to execute any and all change orders within the amounts set by State and Local Law.