

PURCHASE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

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- The Killeen Fire Department provides uniforms and personal protective equipment (PPE) for our firefighters to include:
 - Turnout gear: coat, trousers, boots, helmet, hood and gloves.
 - Wildland gear: shirt, trousers, boots, helmet, goggles, hood, and gloves
 - Water rescue: dry suits, life jackets, boots, helmet, and gloves.
- Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) enacted a requirement that fire departments comply with NFPA 1851 which states that PPE expires 10 years after the original date of manufacture.

- A recent audit by Killeen Fire Department Support Services Division personnel found that 40 sets of Turnout Gear will expire on October 2021, another 40 sets will expire in November 2021.
- 9 additional sets are needed for replacement PPE when Support Services Division personnel inspect PPE as required and find that something needs to be sent out for repair.

- Wear tests were conducted by KFD Support Services Division personnel to determine the best gear to be purchased.
- TCFP will not provide a waiver to allow turnout gear that is greater than 10 years old to continue being used while new PPE is on order.
- □ The purchase of PPE, wildland gear, and uniform shirts/pants are FY21 budgeted items.

- □ Total Financial Impact is \$308,445.99
 - Turnout gear: \$230,404.02
 - Wildland gear: \$10,567.12
 - Uniform shirts and pants: \$67,474.85

 Conforms to City Policy for purchase with North American Fire Equipment Company (NAFECO) through Sourcewell Cooperative Contract #86944

- Alternatives:
 - Approve the purchase.
 - Not Approve the purchase.

Staff recommends that the City Manager or his designee be authorized to execute the purchase of uniforms and PPE from North American Fire Equipment Company through a Sourcewell Cooperative Contract, and that the City Manager or designee is expressly authorized to execute any and all change orders within the amounts set by state and local law.