

Memo

To: Robert Bruschi
From: Robert Gregory
CC: Linda McDermott
Date: 2/14/2013
Re: Purchase of Turnout Gear for the PFD

Over the past three years there has been an effort to bring the Fire Department into compliance with nationally recognized standards. I have recently invited Public Occupational Safety and Health consultants to the station for a free consult. This service is provided by the State of New Jersey and the organization ensures compliance with State and Federal health and safety guidelines and standards. As a result of this consult we found that we needed to overhaul our turnout gear inspection program. As a result of that program we have identified gear that needed to be retired because it was past the NFPA standard 1851 10 year recommendation.

We have also had 16 new members join the department and 12 of them are with the University program and we do not have enough turnout gear to give all the new members. Therefore we need to purchase the turnout gear outlined in the resolution so we can ensure firefighter safety.

RESOLUTION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF PRINCETON

RESOLUTION to Purchase Structural Firefighting Gear for the Princeton Volunteer Fire Department.

WHEREAS, Princeton Volunteer Fire Department is required to provide Firefighters with personal protective equipment (PPE) per the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); and

WHEREAS, the NFPA identifies the PPE as structural firefighting gear (turnout gear) which includes the following items: Jacket, Pants, boots, helmet, gloves, and protective hood; and

WHEREAS, NFPA standard 1851 the nationally recognized standard recommends that turnout gear be retired when it becomes 10 years old from the original manufacturing date; and

WHEREAS, the Princeton Volunteer Fire Department needs to replace 22 sets of retired turnout gear; and

WHEREAS, the following equipment will be purchased to replace the retired turnout gear;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Princeton that:

1. The Mayor and Council of Princeton approve the purchase of 22 sets of pants and jackets at a cost of \$22,485.22 from Continental Fire & Safety, Inc. State Contract #80945.
2. The Mayor and Council of Princeton approve the purchase the following PPE from Witmer Public Safety Group;
 - 18 Helmets @ a cost of \$3,600.00 State Contract #80953,
 - 48 pairs of protective firefighting gloves size large and X-Large @ a cost of \$ 4464.00, State Contract #80948.
 - 12 nomex Protective hoods @ a cost of \$228.00, State Contract #80955
 - 13 Pairs of Structural firefighting boots @ the cost of \$ 3,905.00 State Contract #80945

Councilperson	Absent	Present	1 st	2 nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Disqualified
Ms. Butler								
Ms. Crumiller								
Ms. Howard								
Mr. Liverman								
Mr. Miller								
Mr. Simon								
Mayor Lempert								

I, LINDA McDERMOTT, Clerk of Princeton, do hereby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of said Princeton at a meeting held February 25, 2013

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the corporate seal of said Princeton, this 25th day of February, 2013.

LINDA McDERMOTT
Princeton Clerk