

Memo

To: Robert Bruschi
From: Robert Gregory
CC: Linda McDermott
Date: 4/17/2013
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. Additionally we are going to purchase new gear for 8 more members bringing the total to 24 sets of gear. This will bring us into compliance with the NFPA standard.

This resolution will amend resolution #1371 to reflect the cost for the additional sets of gear and the cost will not exceed \$54,642.68.

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 24 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 24 sets of pants and jackets at a cost of \$42,386.68 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, that totals 12,257.00;
 - 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 \$ 3,965.00 State Contract #80945

I, Linda S. McDermott, Clerk of Princeton, County of Mercer , State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council at its meeting held April 22, 2013.

Linda S. McDermott