

City Council  
Agenda Memo



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Meeting Date: 09/25/14

**TO:** Larry D. Gilley, City Manager  
**FROM:** Larry Bell, Deputy Chief   
**SUBJECT:** Purchase Breathing Apparatus and Spare Cylinders for Two (2) New Fire Engines

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Two (2) Ferrara fire engines are currently in production and due for completion in September 2014. Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus' (SCBA) are being purchased to equip the two engines. Each engine requires four (4) breathing apparatus and six (6) spare cylinders. An additional SCBA is being purchased as a "back-up" since there will be a limited number of high-pressure units on the AFD.

This purchase is for nine MSA (9) high-pressure SCBAs at \$5,543 each and twelve (12) spare cylinders at \$1,109 each for a total of \$63,195. The high-pressure SCBAs allow extended work time for crews. Currently, the AFD utilizes low-pressure, 2216, breathing apparatus, which are being phased out across the fire service. The two new engines will be located at Stations 5 and 8, which serve isolated areas of Abilene, including the east side of Lake Fort Phantom and the southwest part of Abilene.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Purchase will be made through Casco Industries, a sole source vendor for MSA equipment and parts.

**FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT**

Funding for this equipment is through the Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund. Total cost of the purchase is \$63,195.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the purchase in the amount of \$63,195.

**BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

**ATTACHMENTS**

Casco Industries Quote

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Title Deputy Chief

Item No. 6.16

Disposition by City Council

- Approved Ord/Res# \_\_\_\_\_
- Denied \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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City Secretary

