



FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
Fran Donelson, Administrative Secretary

FROM: Jerry Ewers, Fire Chief

DATE: September 13, 2016

SUBJECT: Council Agenda Request – Power Cot Purchase Request

INTRODUCTION:

Requesting to purchase two (2) Battery Powered Ambulance Cots from Stryker EMS Equipment.

BACKGROUND:

Currently we need to replace our two oldest manual cots that are rated at 500 lbs. that were purchased in 2003. In order to enhance the safety of the paramedics loading and unloading patients it is recommended that we replace two manual cots with battery powered ambulance cots in order to reduce back injuries to staff. With the increase of obesity in patients, new equipment and technology has expanded to make the job easier and safer for paramedics, which reduces back injuries, work comp cases, and enables ambulance services to transport patients safely.

The new battery powered cots are rated at a 700 lb. capacity. The cost of the two (2) Power Pro XT Ambulance Cots are \$ 30,962.53. We have \$ 31,000 budgeted for this equipment purchase. Stryker is have a rate increase on October 1st, so by purchasing now we are saving approximately \$ 1,550. After this purchase we will have power cots in 4 out of the 5 ambulances. The 5th ambulance will have a manual cot rated at 650 lbs., which was purchased in 2004.

Stryker is a sole source vendor for this battery operated ambulance cot so no other quotes are available. All Stryker ambulance cots and loading rail systems are all compatible and interchangeable for use on all of the ambulances in our fleet.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

Request authorization to issue purchase order to Stryker EMS Equipment for two (2) battery operated Power-Pro XT ambulance cots for \$ 30,962.53. We had \$ 31,000 budgeted for this capital outlay purchase.