

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

98-489

AGENDA:

OCTOBER 26, 1998

SUBJECT:

**AWARD OF BID -
FIRE DEPARTMENT
EQUIPMENT**

TYPE:

**RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE**

SUBMITTED BY:

**RONALD WAKEHAM
FIRE CHIEF**

ITEM ____

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

SYNOPSIS

On August 25, 1998, the Purchasing Division, on behalf of the Fire Department, sent out bids for two 1999 Ford XLT 350 ambulances. Council authorization to proceed with the low bid is requested at this time.

FISCAL IMPACT -

Total cost of this acquisition is \$219,430.

RECOMMENDATION -

Authorization for the Fire Department to proceed with the purchase of two Life Line ambulances from the low responsible bidder, Emergency Sales & Service, Alexander, Iowa, Gene Draper, President.

BACKGROUND -

The Fire Department presently staffs six frontline medic units with three ambulances in reserve status. One new ambulance funded from the operating budget will replace a frontline unit, as per our program of replacement based on mileage and condition. The second new ambulance funded from the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) budget will be placed in service at the new Station #10, 5900 Indianola Avenue

Presently, the Fire Department's frontline units are all Life Line modular units. In the past, with the acceptance of other vendor's products, we were experiencing problems with structural cracking and fatigue and sagging of the floor of the module. Due to the number of alarms to which we respond and the number of miles

annually we place on these units, our specifications are quite stringent. Although we encourage responses from all reputable manufacturers, of the number of bids sent out, only Emergency Sales & Service replied with a quote.

Attachment