

Meeting Agendas/Info

CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:

ITEM _____

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

01-318

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

JUNE 18, 2001

The Fire Department requests authorization to forego the bid process and acquire by emergency purchase a new ambulance to replace a frontline unit destroyed in an accident on May 31, 2001.

SUBJECT:

FISCAL IMPACT -

AMBULANCE
REPLACEMENT

Total cost of this acquisition is \$108,455. This price, through Emergency Vehicles Sales and Service, is unchanged from our most recent purchase with this company. This ambulance was scheduled for replacement in the 2002 budget after July 1, 2001. A portion of this purchase price will be offset by remuneration from the party at fault.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

SUBMITTED BY:

RON WAKEHAM
FIRE CHIEF

Authorization for the City Manager to direct the Fire Department to proceed with the emergency purchase of this ambulance.

BACKGROUND -

The Fire Department presently staffs seven frontline medic units including the unit recently damaged beyond repair. Although the Fire Department retains a number of reserve units, these units must remain available to be placed in service for instances of large volume requests for medical assistance, rock concerts and other large assemblies, and required service of frontline equipment. Therefore, it is imperative that we be able to replace this unit as quickly as possible. Time delays necessitated by the bid process may result in the unavailability of a 2001 chassis, thereby requiring a further delay as manufacturers retool for 2002. Emergency Vehicles Sales and Service, (Gene Draper, President Alexander, Iowa) has provided our last two ambulances and has been awarded a number of our prior

bids. Presently they have a chassis available and have guaranteed the price to mirror that of our last purchase.
