



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

02-104

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

AGENDA:

SYNOPSIS -

MARCH 4, 2002

The Fire Department is requesting permission to proceed with the purchase of replacement specialized extrication equipment.

SUBJECT:

FISCAL IMPACT -

EXTRICATION
EQUIPMENT
PURCHASE

The total expenditure requested for this purchase is \$76,675. Appropriations were approved by City Council in the Fire Department Fiscal Year (FY) 2001-2002 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget.

TYPE:

RECOMMENDATION -

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

Approval.

SUBMITTED BY:

BACKGROUND -

RON WAKEHAM
FIRE CHIEF

The Fire Department replaces equipment on an annual basis that is out-of-date, no longer compliant with industry standards, or damaged beyond repair at emergency scenes. The Fire Department is replacing specialized extrication tools and pumps on Pumpers #2, #5, and #8 that are strategically located to provide emergency care to trapped victims at vehicle accidents and fixed site facilities. The current extrication equipment is heavy, cumbersome, and operates with an acidic oil at a low pressure. The new equipment operates with low cost and utilizes safe mineral oil at high pressure. The equipment requested is lighter to manipulate providing an increased safety factor for firefighters while substantially improving the Department's capability through improved capacity. Existing extrication equipment differs between pumpers and this purchase will standardize all equipment. Bids on the equipment were received from two vendors with no response from six vendors. The second bidder was low on numerous pieces of equipment but opted to bid new pumps, a basic component of the system, while the low bidder is converting our existing pumps at

no charge making them overall low bidder. The low compliant respondent was Sandry Fire Supply LLC (Bob Sandry, President, 1340 Main Street, Lansing, Iowa).
