

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: September 25, 2017
	Agenda Item No. 42E Roll Call No. <u>17-1671</u> Communication No. <u>17-673</u> Submitted by: Dana Wingert, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to purchase six (6) self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBAs) for the Vice and Narcotics Unit of the Police Department from Sandry Fire Supply, 618 6th Street, DeWitt, IA 52742, Mary Sandry, Manager.

SYNOPSIS:

Vice and Narcotics Unit of the Police Department often enters an uncertain environment when serving search warrants or respond to locations suspected of drug manufacturing. The SCBA provides the officers with protection from inhaling airborne chemical and particulates. The manufacturing of drugs often involves various chemicals that are harmful when inhaled, and drugs in powder form can quickly become airborne with the potential of being ingested by persons in the immediate area.

The six (6) requested SCBAs are the same equipment currently used by the Fire Department and conforms to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) guidelines as well as National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards. This will allow the Fire and Police departments to collaborate on training, maintenance, and mandatory performance testing while sharing resources.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$42,616

Funding Source: State Forfeited Funds (PD226000) Page 204 Recommended Operating Budget, Department Detail FY 2018.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The officers entering the location of the search warrant may encounter various environments with unknown air quality. The requested SCBA's will improve officer safety by providing protection from the inhalation of airborne particles of illegal drugs as well as harmful chemicals.
 - Movement causes powdered drugs to become airborne
 - Chemicals used to manufacture the drug are harmful when inhaled
 - Multiple searches in one (1) day
 - Possible impact on officer's health and well being

- The purchase of the same equipment used by the Fire Department allows both departments to reduce costs through shared training, maintenance and equipment.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

Date: March 6, 2017

Roll Call Number: [17-0396](#)

Action: [Accepting](#) proposal from Sandry Fire Supply, LLC (Mary Sandry, Manager) for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment and supporting systems and approving contract, \$1,624,329.19. (Five potential bidders, three received). ([Council Communication No. 17-255](#)) Moved by Hensley to approve. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Gatto.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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