

**Memorandum
Fire Department**

To: Thomas Thomas
Subject: Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment for Fire Department
Date: July 31st, 2013



In February 2006, the Rock Island Fire Department purchased 53 sets of Globe turnout coats and bunker pants for each member as part of their personal protective equipment (PPE) ensemble. Since then, those items have been purchased as new members get hired, or as one of those items gets damaged. Currently, there are 42 active members who still have gear that was issued in 2006.

NFPA 1851, *Standard on Selection, Care and Maintenance of Structural Fire Fighting Protective Ensembles* requires fire departments to develop, implement, and manage a program for the selection, care, and maintenance of structural fire fighting protective ensembles. As part of this program, routine inspections are to be conducted by members after each use, and an advanced inspection is to be conducted annually by the Assistant Fire Chief. During the annual inspection conducted in 2012, it was determined that multiple sets of gear were starting to show signs of wear that required replacing based on the NFPA standard's General Retirement section.

In order to comply with the NFPA standard while easing the burden to our taxpayers, Fire Department administration developed a plan to spread out the purchase of replacing the 2006 gear over multiple fiscal cycles. It was determined that for FY 13/14, there were nine (9) sets of gear that were in the greatest need of replacing, thus, administration included that cost of replacement during the FY 13/14 department budget process.

Fire Department administration recommends continuing to purchase the Globe G-Extreme ensemble based on our current specification. Since 2006, Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. (MES) has consistently quoted the lowest price on these items.

The quote submitted by MES was as follows:

	Unit Price	Amount
Turnout Coats (9)	\$1,233.00	\$11,097.00
Bunker Pants (9)	\$885.00	\$7,965.00
Shipping		\$88.38
Total		\$19,150.38

Recommendation: City Council approve the purchase of personal protective equipment for the Fire Department from MES in the amount of \$19,150.38

Submitted by: Jeffrey C. Yerkey, Assistant Fire Chief

Approved by: James J. Fobert, Fire Chief