


**TO:** James L. App, City Manager  
**FROM:** Ken Johnson, ES Chief   
**SUBJECT:** **Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Replacement**  
**DATE:** September 16, 2003

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**NEEDS:** For the City Council to consider approving the purchase of replacement self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) units and provide budget appropriation.

- FACTS:**
1. SCBA provides firefighters with a safe air supply in hazardous environments and is therefore considered a critical piece of safety equipment.
  2. The existing SCBA units have been in use for over 12 years.
  3. The City was awarded a Federal grant for the purpose of replacing SCBA and related equipment in the amount of \$118,341.
  4. The estimated cost to replace existing SCBA is \$150,100 requiring that the City provide matching funds in the amount of \$31,759.
  5. The adopted budget provides a special appropriation of the \$16,000 for SCBA that is insufficient by \$15,759 to meet the matching amount noted above.
  6. Emergency Services is “piggybacking” on SCBA pricing provided to the City of Atascadero by the SCBA vendor.
  7. There are a limited number of units available at the Atascadero pricing and, in order to take advantage of the lower cost, the City must proceed with due haste.

**ANALYSIS &**

**CONCLUSION:** Emergency Services workers routinely utilize SCBA’s as a fresh air supply. Their use is mandatory in a significant number of work situations. The current SCBA’s have been in-service for over 12 years and are in need of replacement.

A general fund budget request was made, and subsequently approved, to begin replacing SCBA’s over a prolonged period. The City was later awarded a grant in the amount of \$118,341 to replace them all at once. Total project cost is \$150,100. Project includes the acquisition of 27 SCBA units, 52 spare bottles, and miscellaneous SCBA equipment.

The ES Department has conducted a thorough review of SCBA product offerings. Based on the facts that ES has found the current make to be reliable with a minimal amount of maintenance, interchangeability with a significant number of mutual aid departments’ equipment (although not CDF), refillable on-scene with mobile air equipment available to the department, and ability to continue using spare parts now on-hand, ES recommends replacement with the same make (Interspiro) as now used by the Department.

**POLICY**

**REFERENCE:** Purchasing and Payment Procedures Manual, Section 7.0

**FISCAL  
IMPACT:**

With grant funds and existing appropriations, funding for the desired quantity of SCBA units and related accessories is short by \$15,800. Assuming that the Council concurs with the objective to replace all of the older equipment, an additional appropriation will be required above the existing appropriation of \$16,000.

The existing appropriation of \$16,000 was approved as a reoccurring allocation. In other words, the Emergency Services' base budget was increased by \$16,000 on an ongoing basis. Should the Council appropriate the additional \$15,800 needed in the current fiscal year, the Department will not spend the allocation for fiscal year 2005, returning the funds to replenish General Fund reserves.

**OPTIONS:**

- a.** Adopt Resolution No. 03-xx approving the purchase of SCBA's and associated equipment and authorizing a one-time budget appropriation of \$15,800; or
- b.** Amend, modify or reject above option.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES  
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS  
AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT

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WHEREAS, the City recognizes the importance of the use of personal protective equipment in hazardous environments; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the need to replace self-contained breathing apparatus units utilized by its Department of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, the City was awarded a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant of \$118,341 for the replacement of self-contained breathing apparatus and associated equipment; and

WHEREAS, it is has been determined that the Interspiro brand of self-contained breathing apparatus will provide the greatest benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Council previously authorized a base budget adjustment in the amount of \$16,000 for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus; and

WHEREAS, funding for the desired quantity of self-contained breathing apparatus is insufficient by \$15,800.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles as follows:

SECTION 1. Authorizes the purchase of twenty-seven (27) self-contained breathing apparatus units, fifty-two (52) spare cylinders, and other self-contained breathing apparatus related equipment from Bauer San Francisco of San Francisco, California, in the amount of \$150,100.

SECTION 2. Approves a one-time General Fund budget appropriation from reserves in the amount of \$15,800 to budget account 100-220-5235-150.

SECTION 3. Approves a one-time budget appropriation to cover the expenditure of grant funds received to purchase the equipment identified above in the amount of \$118,400 to budget account 100-220-5235-150.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 16th day of September 2003 by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

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Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk