



To: Mayor Dodgen and Council Members
City Manager Steve Parker

From: Garrick Herbert, Assistant Fire Chief

Date: 11/04/2022

Re: Bid Award Extrication Rescue Tools

The Fire Department was approved during the capital budget process to purchase two new sets of extrication tools during FY 2023. The amount budgeted for this project is \$82,000.

This project marked a shift in operations for the fire department. Since the inception of extrication tools, our rescuers have been tethered to a hydraulic pump by hoses. Modern advancements in battery construction allow for these tools to be battery operated now. This shift to battery power makes the tools faster to deploy, allows them all to be operated simultaneously, and allows for rescuers to operate untethered.

Recognizing the significant changes in the marketplace, the Fire Department formed a committee which evaluated four of the major brands available on the market. The committee graded the tools based on factors that are experienced in real world conditions by setting up "cut" days using vehicles of like construction in similar environmental conditions. The group graded the tools based upon quality, lighting, controls, speed, handling, ergonomics, water resistance and warranty. The committee members demonstrated their commitment to providing the highest level of service to our citizens and visitors while at the same time remaining fiscally responsible.

The committee recommends the purchase of Hurst Extrication Tools.

The vendor offers bulk pricing and has made us aware of a price increase coming at the first of the calendar year. With this information, staff recommends we purchase a third set of tools that was approved and funded as part of the loose equipment on our new ladder truck in FY2022.

Staff is recommending purchasing three complete sets of Hurst extrication tools from Municipal Emergency Services using Sourcewell cooperative purchasing agreement. The total amount of the purchase is \$125,865.80. The vendor has agreed to include

mounts for our apparatus as well as initial training for our personnel. Delivery time for the new tools is expected to be 6-8 weeks.

Attached is the quote/proposal and specifications for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Garrick Herbert". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Garrick Herbert
Assistant Fire Chief