



**To:** Mayor Dodgen and Council Members  
Steve Parker, City Manager

**From:** Dale Skinner, Fire Chief

**Date:** May 14, 2025

**Re:** Purchase of a Power-Load System and PowerPro Cot

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### **Historical Background**

As our society continues to see an increase in personal weight, the direct effect is on our crew members. In the instance of an obese patient, it can take 4-5 firefighters to load and unload a patient. With the Power-LOAD system it only takes 1 firefighter without physical exertion to load and unload a patient from an ambulance. The result is a totally unassisted loading/unloading capacity of 870 lbs.

By purchasing the Power-LOAD system, we will drastically reduce the propensity for firefighter back injuries. This system provides a 100% reduction in back injuries in one service with the assistance of the Power-LOAD cot fastener system and Power-PRO XT cot. This system also meets dynamic crash test standards for maximized occupant safety. A single back injury would far exceed the cost of purchasing the stretchers for our ambulances.

### **Action Requested**

Authorization to purchase a Power-LOAD System and Power Pro stretcher from Stryker to be installed by Frazer Ltd. This request is part of the ambulance purchase authorized by council in May 2025.

### **Procurement Methodology & Funding Source**

This Capitol Project was approved with the FY2025 budget. Purchase is being made utilizing the Sourcwell cooperative purchasing agreement, Purchases utilizing the Sourcwell contract are in compliance with state bidding requirements and allow local governments the benefit of volume discount pricing and an expedited procurement process. Delivery time for the units is approximately 18 months.

**Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends the purchase of a Power-LOAD system and PowerPro cot be approved in the amount of \$67,790.

**Attachments**

Vender quote.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Skinner', written over a horizontal line.

Dale Skinner  
Fire Chief