

Fire Department Fall town meeting warrant items.

Fund the last 2 Paramedic Students: \$20,000

This funds the remainder of the cost for the last 2 firefighters to attend paramedic school. Our first 2 students are scheduled to take their state and national exams this month. During the budget discussions this was moved from an article request to the budget, but was overlooked and left out. We need to fund the last of our students to continue to move towards an ALS service.

SCBA Pack/Bottle Replacement Request: \$41,075.00

This year the fire department is requesting the replacement of 5 of our outdated SCBA Packs and bottles. Every 5 years these bottles undergo testing to ensure their safety and the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) and the manufacturers require the replacement of SCBA cylinders after 15 years of service. The initial request was for 4 but during the preparation we found that we had 1 additional bottle that is set to expire in February.

The department has 24 Air packs and 48 bottles, this allows for 1 bottle and 1 spare bottle per pack.

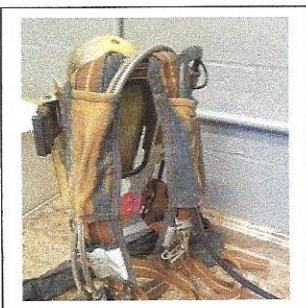
Our SCBA packs allow us to work in atmospheres that are dangerous, such as structure fires, high carbon monoxide environments, gas leaks, hazardous materials and oxygen deficient atmospheres.

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	Replacement year	2017	2021	2022	2026	2028
Bottle/Pack Age						
2002		5				
2006			15			
2007				6		
2011					15	
2013						8

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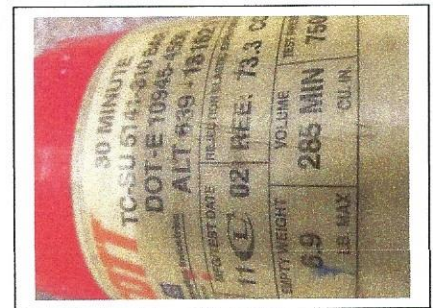
	Replacement Year	2021	2022	2026	2028	2032
Bottle/Pack Age						
2017		0	0	0	0	24 packs 24 bottles



SCBA Pack



Discolored and damaged/frayed harness



MFG Date 11/02- 15 year expiration

Hire a Department Assistant II: \$32,012.00

This request is to hire a Department Assistant II. Currently the Fire Chief is the only Department head without a Department Assistant. I perform all payroll, accounts payable/billable, department scheduling, inspection scheduling, turnovers, permit filing/issuing along with any other data processing. In this manner, the department can only do the bare minimum due to time constraints. Firefighter availability to do some of the workload is interrupted due to calls, training and takes them away from the needs on the shift. Now that the Police station is complete and dispatch is moved out there is no one in the station to assist the public, answer phone calls etc. On an average weekly basis, there are 58 phone calls to the FD between the hours of 8am-4pm and 49 walk ins, regarding permits, inspections, request for information etc. By hiring an Assistant this could help meet some of the request for online permits, applications and lessen the load on the dispatchers. Currently our residents must go to 3 locations to try and get permits issued, signed off and scheduled.

