

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Honorable Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator

THROUGH: David Johnson, Director of Emergency Services

FROM: Alicia Reyes, Staff Assistant IV
Department of Emergency Services

DATE: November 6, 2023

SUBJECT: Approval of Advance Purchase for Fire Rescue Apparatuses

It is respectfully requested that the information contained herein be given formal consideration by the District Board of Commissioners at the next scheduled meeting.

DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS:

Indian River County Fire Rescue budgeted for the purchase of two (2) Ambulance/Rescue Units and three (3) Fire Pumpers/Engines in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/2025 Capital Improvement Element (CIE). As all emergency vehicle manufacturers are experiencing extensive delays in manufacturing due to continued shortages in materials and experiencing rising costs due to new EPA mandates. With the current build time estimated at a minimum of 24 months for Ambulances and 40 months for Pumper/Engines (with possible other unforeseen delays), any orders placed today would put the delivery well into FY 2025/2026 and possibly into FY 2026/2027 or later.

The total cost of the two (2) Ambulance/Rescue Units programmed into the CIE for FY 2024/2025 is \$ 1,200,000. The cost of the three (3) Fire Pumpers/Engines programmed into the CIE for FY 2024/2025 is \$ 2,612,520, for a total cost of \$3,812,520. Although the funds would not be expended until delivery, staff is requesting the Board’s approval to allow a Purchase Order to be issued prior to FY 2024/2025 to be able to pre-order the Fire Rescue Apparatuses.

FUNDING:

Funding for the five (5) Fire units will be derived from a combination of Emergency Services District/Fire Services/Automotive account, number 11412022-066420, in the amount of \$3,212,520, and Optional Sales Tax/Fire Services/Automotive account, number 31521022-066420, in the amount of \$600,000, for a total cost of \$3,812,520. This will be accomplished via a budget amendment from Cash Forward.

Account Name	Account Number	Amount
Optional Sales Tax/Fire Services/Automotive	31512022-066420	\$600,000
Emergency Services District/Fire Services/Automotive	11412022-066420	\$3,212,520
Total		\$3,812,520

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board authorize the Purchasing Division to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$3,812,520.