

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
PURCHASING DIVISION**

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**DATE:** August 7, 2023

**TO:** BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**THROUGH:** John Titkanich, County Administrator  
Kristin Daniels, Director, Office of Management and Budget

**FROM:** Jennifer Hyde, Purchasing Manager

**SUBJECT:** Authorization to Purchase Replacement Rescue Unit

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**BACKGROUND:**

On July 11, 2023, the Board waived the requirement for Bids and authorized the purchase of a demo Rescue Unit from South Florida Emergency Vehicles (“SFEV”), with an estimated 16-month time to delivery. Another demo unit is becoming available from the same vendor.

Delivery is anticipated by May of 2024. Eight other units, purchased from vendor ETR under the Florida Sheriff’s Association contract are in various stages of production, with unknown delivery estimates.

**DISCUSSION:**

The additional demo unit will match our existing unit configuration, and be on a Ford F550 chassis, as are our other units. Ford has developed allocations for municipalities, with our annual allocation for ambulance chassis set at two. This purchase will not count against our allocation. The quoted price for this unit is \$413,428.

Sutphen Fire Trucks are purchased by the County through SFEV under a Florida Sheriff’s Association contract. SFEV does not currently have a contract vehicle to sell ambulances, therefore staff requests the Board waive the requirement for bids to facilitate this purchase.

**FUNDING:**

Funding will come from the Public Emergency Medical Transportation (“PEMT”) program, through the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration. This program is in place to deflect the low reimbursement levels received by municipalities for the transport of Medicaid patients.

Funds are available in the Emergency Services District Fund/Fire Rescue/  
Automotive/PEMT Program Purchase Account, number 11412022-066420-20023.

CONSENT AGENDA

Description	GL	Available
Emergency Services District /Fire Rescue/Automotive/PEMT Program Purchase	11412022-066420-20023	\$413,428

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board authorize the Purchasing Division to issue a Purchase Order to South Florida Emergency Vehicles for the purchase of the rescue unit.

**Attachment:**

SFEV Quote dated August 8, 2023