

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
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**TO:** Honorable Emergency Services District Board of Commissioners

**THROUGH:** Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

**FROM:** Tad Stone, Director  
Department of Emergency Services

**DATE:** April 17, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Purchase for Special Rescue Truck

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

**BACKGROUND**

Indian River County Fire Rescue was allotted \$110,000.00 in the approved FY 18/19 budget for the purchase of a HazMat vehicle to replace the current vehicles used, which are a 2003 utility vehicle and a 1998 twin axel cargo trailer. The proposed apparatus will allow Fire Rescue to respond to calls for hazardous materials spill and containment as a single unit.

**DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS**

Staff was recently made aware of the availability of a 2007 International (Special Rescue) Truck that has been declared as surplus by the Kentucky Alvaton Volunteer Fire Department. It is available for purchase through their contracted broker, Firetec Used Apparatus Sales. Although brokered, the purchase agreement and payment will be directly through the Alvaton Volunteer Fire Department.

This apparatus has a list price of \$109,000.00 and County staff has negotiated this price to \$90,000.00. It has 27,785 miles on the odometer and offers additional appurtenances such as an air cascade system for SCBA air bottle refill, a 90 gallon water tank for compressed air firefighting foam system, an onboard 15kw Kohler generator, multiple scene lights and emergency lighting. The additional appurtenances that are already included with the purchase of this special rescue truck have an estimated value of \$45,000.00.

With Board consideration and approval if granted, the Emergency Services District will send two (2) employees to evaluate and run diagnostics on this unit to ensure that it is in good working order and as advertised. If, upon inspection of the unit, it is determined that the unit will not meet the Districts needs or mechanical issues are present, we would not move forward with the purchase.

While there is always hesitation in purchasing a used vehicle in the Emergency Response Area, this proposed unit has low mileage with full maintenance records available. Indian River County

Fire Rescue would consider this a low response vehicle based on the limited number of HazMat incidents occurring on an annual basis. The estimated purchase of a new unit with similar configurations and equipment would be \$225,000.00.

**FUNDING:**

Funding is available in the approved FY 2018/2019 budget from the Emergency Services District Funds as follows:

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>
Special Rescue Truck	\$110,000.00	11412022-066420

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board waive the requirement for bids and authorize the County Administrator to sign any necessary documents for the purchase (after review and approval by the County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency) and approve payment in the amount up to \$109,000.00 to Alvaton Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of the special rescue truck.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1. Quote RS12427