

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**THROUGH:** John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator  
David Johnson, Director of Emergency Services

**FROM:** Stephen Greer, Assistant Fire Chief of EMS  
Department of Emergency Services

**DATE:** October 04, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Approval for Advance Purchase of Fire Rescue Apparatus

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

**DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS:**

Indian River County Fire Rescue budgeted for the purchase of three (3) Ambulance/Rescue Units (FY) 2025/2026 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 Ambulance/Rescue Units (with possible other unforeseen delays), any orders placed today would put the delivery well into FY 2026/2027 and possibly into FY 2026/2027 or later.

The total cost of the three (3) Ambulance/Rescue Units programmed into the CIE for FY 2025/2026 is \$1,800,000. 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 2025/2026 to be able to pre-order the Fire Rescue Apparatuses.

**FUNDING:**

Funding for the three (3) Fire units will be derived from a combination of Emergency Services District/Fire Services/Automotive account, number 11412022-066420, in the amount of \$600,000, and Optional Sales Tax/Fire Services/Automotive account, number 31512022-066420, in the amount of \$1,200,000, for a total cost of \$1,800,000. This will be accomplished via a budget amendment from Cash Forward.

Account Name	Account Number	Amount
Optional Sales Tax/Fire Services/Automotive	31512022-066420	\$1,200,000
Emergency Services District/Fire Services/Automotive	11412022-066420	\$600,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,800,000</b>

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board authorize the Purchasing Division to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$1,800,000.