

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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

FROM: David Kiernan, Deputy Fire Chief, Department of Emergency Services

DATE: November 25, 2024

SUBJECT: Approval for Advance Purchase of Fire Rescue Apparatus

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 one (1) replacement Aerial Platform Fire Suppression Apparatus (Ladder 14) in Year 5 (Fiscal Year 2027/2028) of the approved Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Capital Improvement Element (CIE). 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. The current build time is estimated at a minimum of 35-37 months for Fire Suppression Apparatus (with other possible unforeseen delays), any orders placed today would put the delivery into Fiscal Year 2027/2028. The cost of the apparatus has also steadily risen by 3% annually.

The total cost of the Fire Rescue Suppression Apparatus programmed into the CIE for Fiscal Year 2027/2028 is \$2,000,000. 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 Fiscal Year 2027/2028 to be able to pre-order the Fire Rescue Apparatus and secure Sourcewell Contract #113-SUT pricing of \$2,068,670, which is \$68,670 above the original budgeted amount. Historically, Sutphen has two price increases annually ranging between 3%-6% total, one on January 1st of each year and other mid-year. Therefore, by pre-purchasing the apparatus, the County will save a minimum of 9%, or \$186,180, of the total cost.

FUNDING:

Funding for Ladder 14 replacement, in the amount of \$2,068,670, will be budgeted and available in the Emergency Services District/Fire Services/Automotive account, number 11412022-066420.

Account Name	Account Number	Amount
Emergency Services District/Fire Services/Automotive	11412022-066420	\$2,068,670

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board authorize the Purchasing Division to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$2,068,670.

ATTACHMENT:

Sutphen Quote
Justification for Replacement Memo