

Memorandum
City of Lawrence
Fire Medical

To: Dave Corliss, City Manager
From: Mark Bradford, Fire Chief
Date: November 27, 2010
Re: Protective Clothing Replacement Funding Request

Background:

The Fire Medical department issues and maintains one protective coat and pant to each uniformed member of the department in addition to other related items to complete a full protective clothing ensemble. Protective clothing has generally been utilized until it was worn to a point that is no longer serviceable and was in immediate need of replacement. The department implemented an inspection program for personal protective clothing to meet safety requirements established by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Current Status:

Protective clothing inspections continue to reveal our protective clothing is wearing and should be replaced before it fails. Our latest inspections results indicate that protective start to show wear in years four and five and we have targeted five years as the life span before we need to replace them.

We have a total of 17 pants and 43 coats that are in various states of wear and should be replaced as soon as possible to ensure the best safety of our employees.

Action Request:

The Fire Medical department request sole source purchasing for replacement of personal protective clothing totaling \$54,715. Globe manufacturing is the manufacturer of coats and pants the department Health and Safety Project Team (a labor-management team) selected to meet our requirements in 2005. They have an exclusive dealer network in Kansas and have identified Municipal Emergency Services (MES) as the sole distributor that may sell to us. Pricing had a very small increase since our last purchase but is expected to rise next year.