



**CITY OF SALINAS
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 2023
DEPARTMENT: FIRE DEPARTMENT
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TITLE: DIRECT PURCHASE OF A BAUER SCBA COMPRESSOR

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve a resolution for the direct purchase of a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) compressor.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Salinas Fire Department (SFD) has identified the need for a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SBCA) compressor. SCBAs are vital firefighting equipment used to protect firefighters against oxygen deficiency in a variety of hostile environments. The Salinas Fire Department currently owns one SCBA compressor, located at Fire Station 1, and serves all engines and fire trucks. An additional SCBA compressor readily available at Fire Station 5 would reduce travel and out-of-service times for units in the west area of the city. The Fire Department requests the City Council to approve the direct purchase of the SCBA compressor from Bauer Compressors, in an amount not to exceed \$80,878.25 plus a 10% contingency.

BACKGROUND:

The Salinas Fire Department uses compressors to refill the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus air cylinders. The SCBAs allow personnel to prioritize safety by carrying self-contained air supply when entering a hazardous environment, such as in fire or ammonia leak incidents. SCBA compressors are collaterally used to power pneumatic tools as well as for training exercises. The current air compressor located at Fire Station 1 is capable of filling three air cylinders simultaneously, after a typical residential house fire, in which crews use approximately 15 - 40 air cylinders, crews are required to refill cylinders immediately due to the lack of reinforcements. With an additional air compressor at Fire Station 5, fire apparatus will have the ability to obtain refills from the nearest station, while staying available for dispatch and improve inefficiencies with travel time, fuel costs and depreciation of resources. Salinas Fire collaborated with Cal Fire to obtain a quote from the lowest qualified bidder. The current quote obtained from Bauer Compressors would provide the compressor unit, installation, and training for an amount not to exceed \$80,878.25.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Approving the proposed resolution will support the City Council's Strategic Plan Goal of Public Safety.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Salinas Fire Department has consulted with the Public Works Department to gain clearance on the impact on the electrical system. The Salinas Fire Department will coordinate with the Finance Departments during the purchasing process.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

\$80,878.25 for this procurement, and related costs, are ready and available in the General Fund Capital Outlays SCBAs account.

ATTACHMENTS:

Quote
Resolution