

**TO:** James L. App, City Manager

**FROM:** Ken Johnson, ES Chief 

**SUBJECT:** **Heavy Rescue Vehicle**

**DATE:** July 19, 2005

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**NEEDS:** For the City Council to consider awarding a purchase contract for a heavy rescue vehicle to lowest responsive bidder, Placer Fire Equipment, Inc. and a supplemental budget appropriation for its purchase.

- FACTS:**
1. Council authorized the purchase of a heavy rescue vehicle in fiscal year 2002 with a budget appropriation of \$240,000.
  2. This budget authorization has been carried over in each of the intervening years and exists in the current fiscal year's capital budget.
  3. The addition of a heavy rescue vehicle is consistent with objectives set forth in the Emergency Services Growth Management Plan and provides Emergency Services with capabilities not currently available, but necessary.
  4. Recent rescue activity, and lack of immediately available equipment, reconfirmed the actual need.
  5. The Department has reviewed its emergency response vehicle needs and found there to be an excess number of vehicles.
  6. Bids on a heavy rescue vehicle were recently received and the low bid of \$289,012 exceeded authorized budget by \$49,012.
  7. The recently adopted budget for fiscal year 2006 included an additional budget appropriation of \$40,000 providing a total of \$280,000. As noted above, the low bid was \$289,000 resulting in an approximate \$10,000 budgetary shortfall.
  8. The difference in budget and actual cost will have no real impact on the General Fund, due to the method of payment (lease-purchase financing).
  9. The annual estimated debt service cost beginning in fiscal year 2006 is \$64,500 and has been provided for in the recently adopted two-year budget/four-year financial plan beginning July 1, 2005.

**ANALYSIS &**

**CONCLUSION:** Council approved the purchase of a heavy rescue vehicle in fiscal year 2001/2002. A change in department heads stalled the immediate purchase. Re-verification of need and attempts at locating outside funding sources (grants) further delayed acquisition.

A heavy rescue vehicle carries specialized tools and equipment necessary for the rescue of trapped persons. These entrapments include situations involving vehicles, confined spaces, trenches, collapsed buildings, and the like. A large portion of this specialized equipment is currently transported to the emergency

scene on three separate Emergency Services vehicles. The addition of a heavy rescue vehicle would allow Emergency Services to consolidate the equipment on one apparatus, facilitating response to the emergency scene utilizing on-duty members. Its response would be on an as-needed basis and not require additional people to staff.

Emergency Services prepared a list of specifications for the vehicle. Companies providing heavy rescue vehicles were invited to review these specifications and provide a bid. Five companies responded to the invitation to bid (see attached list), with bids ranging between \$289,012 and \$396,472.

The acquisition of one heavy rescue vehicle is consistent with recently adopted City Council goals, the department's strategic plan, and the San Simeon earthquake's response gap analysis.

**POLICY**

**REFERENCE:** Purchasing and Payment Procedures Manual, Section 5.0  
Paso Robles Municipal Code Chapter 6.04

**FISCAL**

**IMPACT:** A \$240,000 budget appropriation was approved as part of the fiscal year 2001-02 budget. These funds have been carried over annually since June 2002, and with adoption of the current budget, budgetary resources total \$280,000.

As noted above, the low bid is \$289,012 and exceeds existing budget appropriation by \$10,000. It was always contemplated that the acquisition would be made via lease-purchase financing. Thus, the additional \$10,000 cost will not directly impact the General Fund results as it will be offset by increased proceeds from the lease-purchase financing, but an additional budget appropriation for the \$10,000 is needed in order to balance out the transaction.

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**OPTIONS:**

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 05xx awarding a heavy rescue vehicle purchase contract to Placer Fire Equipment, Inc. and providing for supplemental budget appropriation.
- b. Amend, modify or reject above option.

## Emergency Services' Vehicle Replacements

Emergency Services spent several months examining potential changes to the vehicle fleet.

Emergency Services' objectives were to:

1. Identify those vehicles operationally necessary; and
2. Minimize/reduce operating costs where possible.

Given projected staffing and response needs, it was determined that fleet changes were warranted. Following is a list of all vehicles and suggested changes:

<b>Vehicle</b>	<b>Replace</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1974 OshKosh aircraft crash response	None	None/no longer in fleet	Consistent breakage and unavailability of replacement parts warranted disposal.
1986 GMC engine	1999	Fire suppression	<b>Suggest no replacement.</b>
1987 Chevy engine	2005	Fire suppression	<b>Suggest no replacement.</b>
1989 Chevy one-ton pick-up	2003	Rescue	<b>Suggest no replacement.</b> Insufficient in size and configuration for intended use.
1989 Pierce engine	None	Reserve	An older engine held for use as a back-up. Retain.
1997 Ford car	2007	Code enforcement/out of town classes	Appropriate and necessary.
1997 Chevy SUV	2007	Command	Appropriate and necessary.
1998 Ford car	2008	Command	Not suitable as a command vehicle.
1999 Ford one-ton pick-up	2009	Operations support (utility)	Appropriate and necessary.
1999 Ford one-ton pick-up	2009	Aircraft fire suppression	Appropriate. Extensive equipment addition recently done through FAA grant.
2000 Pierce ladder	2015	Fire suppression	Appropriate and necessary.
2002 Pierce engine	2012	Fire suppression	Appropriate and necessary.
2002 Pierce engine	2012	Fire suppression	Appropriate and necessary.
2005 Heavy rescue	2020	Heavy rescue	In budget, but not fleet. Bids received 5/13/05.



RESOLUTION NO. 05-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES  
A PURCHASE CONTRACT FOR A HEAVY RESCUE VEHICLE AND  
MAKING THE NECESSARY APPROPRIATION

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WHEREAS, the City has found it operationally beneficial to add a "heavy rescue" vehicle to its fleet for use by Emergency Services in the protection of citizens and their property; and

WHEREAS, the City initiated a formal bid process to acquire a heavy rescue vehicle and found Placer Fire Equipment to be the lowest responsive bidder at \$289,012; and

WHEREAS, certain budget adjustments are necessary to acquire the vehicle.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles awards a purchase contract with Placer Fire Equipment in the amount of \$289,012 for a heavy rescue vehicle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles that a one-time budget appropriation and revenue estimate from/to the General Fund are approved as follows:

100-220-54540150	\$10,000
100-000-4507-000	(10,000)

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 19th day of July 2005 by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

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Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk