



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting August 13, 2024

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Purchase and Installation of Five Rockland Custom Fire Cabinets for the Corpus Christi Fire Department

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of five new Rockland custom fire cabinets for the Corpus Christi Fire Department's Command Operations Vehicles from C&S Plating and Bumper Recycling, dba C&S Truck and Van Equipment, of Corpus Christi, Texas, in an amount up to \$62,375.00, with FY 2024 funding in the amount of \$62,375.00 from the Fire Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

This resolution will authorize the purchase and installation of five new Rockland custom fire cabinets by C&S Plating and Bumper Recycling, Inc., dba C&S Truck and Van Equipment. The five new Rockland Custom fire cabinets will be installed in the Corpus Christi Fire Department's Command Operations Vehicles.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

As part of an FY 2024 Budget Initiative, CCFD purchased five replacement Ford F-150 Command Operations vehicles. The five replacement Ford F-150 Command Operations vehicles were received in June 2024. The five new Rockland custom fire cabinets will be installed into the five replacement Ford F-150 Command Operations vehicles. Once the Rockland custom fire cabinets are installed into the five replacement Ford F-150 Command Operations vehicles, the vehicles will be assigned to the four Battalion Chiefs that are on shift each day as well as the Assistant Chief of Operations.

The purpose of the five new Rockland custom fire cabinets is to provide the on-duty Battalion Chiefs and the Assistant Chief of Operations with the tools and equipment needed to adequately command an emergency scene. The Rockland custom fire cabinets will provide an organized set up for equipment and tools needed during emergencies to help with faster response times. Additionally, the Rockland custom fire cabinets will allow Battalion Chiefs and the Assistant Chief of Operations to safely store contaminated

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) so that they are not exposed to carcinogens as they deliver the PPE to be cleaned after use.

The five new Rockland custom fire cabinets will house a parts drawer for equipment such radios, monitors, flashlights, thermal imaging cameras, and other equipment. The fire cabinets will also include a radio panel, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) brackets, and a Go Power 3000W Modified Sine Wave Inverter that will run the radios and charge the battery-operated tools used on-scene by firefighters. The Rockland custom fire cabinets will meet the National Fire Protection Association's 1851 standard requirements.

C&S Truck and Van Equipment is an authorized distributor and installer of Rockland Custom's products. The proprietary equipment and features from Rockland Custom Products will be installed per specifications and authorizations made by the Corpus Christi Fire Department. Once the upfitting kits are received by C&S Truck and Van Equipment, the five F-150 Command Ops vehicles will be delivered to their location in Corpus Christi for the upfitting services to be completed. The timeframe to install the five new Rockland custom fire cabinets into the five command vehicles is estimated to take approximately six weeks. Once the services are completed, the vehicles will be delivered back to CCFD and placed into service. Once the vehicles are placed into service, the vehicles currently used by the on-duty Battalion Chiefs and the Assistant Chief of Operations will be re-assigned for other use as needed by CCFD personnel.

This item will use FY 2024 grant funds from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The granting agency has approved the use of these grant funds for the purchase and installation of the five new Rockland custom fire cabinets as they will provide a stationary incident command post platform for communications, resource tracking, drone feed viewing, and proper storage of emergency equipment.

PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

This is a sole source procurement of Rockland Custom Products with its authorized distributor, C&S Truck and Van Equipment.

The statutory exception for this procurement falls under Local Government Code, Section 252.022. (2) (a) for a procurement necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the municipality's residents; and Local Government Code, Section 252.022(a) (7) (A), as this purchase is available from only one source due to special processes or patents.

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ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to spend the grant funds and instead try to find available funding within the General Fund. However, this would cause CCFD to lose out on grant funding that would purchase the needed upfitting equipment for these vehicles.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for CCFD in FY 2024 is an amount of \$62,375.00 from the Fire Grants Fund. The grant funds being used from this item come from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

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FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund:	1062	Fire Grants Fund
Organization/Activity:	821270F	Assistance to Firefighters Grant
Department #:	10	Fire Department
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	520090	Minor Tools & Equipment
Amount:	\$62,375.00	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of five additional Rockland custom fire cabinets for the Corpus Christi Fire Department, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution
Price Sheet
Service Agreement