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AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting June 23, 2026

DATE: June 23, 2026

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**Purchase of Replacement Firefighter Protective Clothing for the
Corpus Christi Fire Department**

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing the purchase of 60 replacement sets of firefighter protective clothing (coats and pants) from Casco Industries, Inc., of Houston, through the BuyBoard Cooperative, in the amount of \$218,754.00, for the Corpus Christi Fire Department, with FY 2026 funding in the amount of \$218,754.00 from the General Fund.

SUMMARY:

This motion authorizes the purchase of a total of 60 pieces of replacement firefighter protective clothing from Casco Industries, Inc., of Houston, Texas, through BuyBoard Cooperative, for \$218,754.00. The protective clothing will be used by Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) firefighters. This protective clothing is also known as bunker gear. Bunker gear protects firefighters from the extreme heat encountered daily while fighting fires.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Firefighter protective clothing, also known as bunker gear, is Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that firefighters wear whenever they enter an environment that may pose an imminent danger to life and health, as well as for any response that requires extrication. It protects firefighters from the extreme heat encountered daily while fighting fires.

In recent years, CCFD has standardized its bunker gear inventory by using Globe Firefighters products offered through Casco Industries. Globe firefighting bunker gear is designed with three layers of protection: an outer shell, a moisture barrier, and a thermal liner. The bunker gear is manufactured utilizing the highest quality and safety standards available on the market. Casco Industries, Inc. is the exclusive dealer representing Globe Firefighters' suits. Casco Industries is

the main supplier for all firefighting PPE. Casco Industries provides the highest quality, lowest price, and the timeliest production and delivery of the PPE. Casco Industries is located in Houston, Texas. These items are not available locally.

CCFD will purchase 60 replacement bunker coats and 60 replacement bunker pants for current firefighters. CCFD currently has 460 firefighters who are issued this bunker gear to accomplish their duties safely and effectively. In addition to the 460 sets of bunker gear currently issued to firefighters, CCFD maintains 128 sets of firefighting PPE to be used as “loaners” if issued gear is contaminated or soiled by toxins or hazardous elements encountered during any given emergency call. The loaner gear is necessary because the National Fire Protection Association 1851 standard requires PPE to be laundered after every structure fire.

Typically, bunker gear is replaced every seven years, depending on usage and the level of daily wear and tear; however, it can be replaced sooner if it is damaged or otherwise needed. Maintaining an adequate level of loaner inventory is crucial to CCFD firefighters' ability to interchange torn or damaged firefighting bunker gear. When firefighters' current bunker gear is replaced, it is placed in the loaner stock as long as it is undamaged and otherwise unimpaired. If the current bunker gear is damaged or otherwise compromised, then it is taken out of service and discarded.

PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

This procurement is through the BuyBoard Cooperative. Contracts awarded through BuyBoard Cooperative have been competitively procured in compliance with local and state procurement requirements.

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The table below provides Casco Industries, Inc.'s cost savings through the BuyBoard Cooperative. Compared to HGAC Buy Cooperative pricing, the City realizes cost savings of 32.0% or \$102,943.80.

Item	HGAC Buy Discount 25%	BuyBoard + Casco Discount 51%	Variance \$	Variance %
Bunker Gear Total	\$321,697.80	\$218,754.00	\$102,943.80	32.0%

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to purchase the bunker gear. However, if the bunker gear is not purchased, it will jeopardize the safety of firefighters by making them vulnerable to serious or even life-threatening injuries. It will also cause CCFD to be out of compliance with the National Fire Protection Association's 1851 standard.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is a fiscal impact for FY2026, in the total amount of \$218,754.00, associated with the purchase of 60 replacement firefighter protective clothing, which will be paid through the FY 2026 General Fund.

Funding Detail:

Fund:	1020	General Fund
Organization/Activity:	12010	Fire Stations
Dept:	10	Fire Department
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	540045	Uniforms & Protective Clothing
Amount:	\$218,754.00	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this motion authorizing the purchase of 60 replacement pieces of firefighter protective clothing (coats and pants) for the Corpus Christi Fire Department from Casco Industries, Inc., as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Price Sheet