



# City and Borough of Sitka

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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To the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka,

Via: Jay Sweeney Acting City Administrator,

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In this year's budget, we have in the fixed assets portion \$85000.00 for mandatory air pack upgrades. Through money from the state, that the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association applied for, it looks like most of the cost for these upgrades will be covered.

What we would like to look at is spending a portion of that amount on a few items that will benefit the department immensely.

- 1.) A few years ago we purchased a software system that has never really worked right for us. It is called Fire house and would allow us to do all of the reports that are required for the state for both EMS and fire. We would like to bring up an individual from this company to figure out what we are doing wrong and set us on the right track. For three days of instruction and all expenses it would be \$7500.00.
- 2.) We have recognized a need for hazmat level A Scott CBRN QD Regulators w/HUD for Level A hazmat response to make it safer for our response to hazmat emergencies. Four regulators would cost \$5000.
- 3.) Multi Gas monitors for hazmat responses so that we are able to read and monitor gases that may be involved in a hazmat response. Four monitors at \$800 each \$3200.00 Total
- 4.) Turnout gear is an item that we are always in need of. It has a 10 year life according to standards but can wear out quicker depending on training and fires that we have. For a number of years we did not purchase any and it has now come to that time when we need to replace gear, and in the new union contract it states that we will supply all engineers (6) with a second set of gear. So what I am asking is that we be able to purchase 10 sets of gear total at a cost of \$20000.00.

These four items would greatly help the department in trying to stay ahead of the game, and will greatly improve our response on any emergency scene. Total cost would be \$35700.00.

Thanks very much for your time

David E. Miller