



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

To: Mayor /City Council

From: Dean Rich, Director of Finance
Walter Denton, City Administrator

Date: Sept.16, 2004

Subject: Resolution to lease/purchase Scott Air Packs for Fire Department. .

List of committees that have reviewed: Finance and Administration

Background: The Fire Dept has money in the 05 budget to upgrade 1/3 of their Scott Air Packs (self contained breathing apparatus units used when entering burning buildings). The new updated air pack has several new safety features including better mask, interchangeable tanks and hose, a better air compressor, a warning alarm should a fireman become immobile and a LCD read out showing amount of air remaining. These are major new safety features and the Fire Dept would like to change out all the air packs rather than have a mixed system over 3 years. The Bank of O'Fallon is willing to lease/purchase these items for the Fire Dept. at a very favorable rate

Legal Considerations, if any: Council needs to authorize agreement with Bank of O'Fallon

Budget Impact: Money for 1/3 is in the 05 budget, and the Fire Dept will give priority for the next 2 years to repayment of the lease. Total cost not to exceed \$150,000 over three years.

Staff recommendation: Staff recommends Council approval for resolution as this is a major safety upgrade for our fire dept and replacement of the air packs as a system is sound both operationally and financially.