

MARIPOSA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA
ACTION FORM

DATE: January 6, 2000
AGENDA ITEM NO: CA-6

DEPARTMENT: Fire Protection

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

(Policy Item: YES () NO (X))

Approve the Budget Action Request to appropriate unanticipated revenue of \$52,487. This revenue was generated as a result of department response through the mutual aid system to Shasta County. Distribution of \$7987 to the safety clothing account (542.04-36), \$38,000 to volunteer fire fighters (542.04-39), \$2000 to equipment under \$1000 (542.04-80) and \$4500 to asset account 542.06-93. This amount is to replace the existing 25 year old power unit for the Jaws of Life.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Board has approved Budget Action Requests with appropriation to support department needs.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Not approve the action and forego the opportunity to take advantage of this opportunity to meet department needs and compensate volunteers for time served on the strike team.

COSTS: (X) Not Applicable

A.	Budget current FY	\$	
B.	Total anticipated costs	\$	0
C.	Required Additional funding	\$	_____
D.	Internal transfers	\$	_____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively

SOURCE: (X) 4/5ths Vote Required

A.	Unanticipated revenues	\$52,487.00
B.	Reserve for contingencies	\$ -0-
C.	Source Description:	Fire Department Reimbursement
D.	Balance in reserve for contingencies if approved:	\$ -0-

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATIONS

Resolution No: 00-26 Order No: _____
 Vote - Ayes 5 Noes _____
 Absent _____ Abstained _____
 Approved () Denied
 () Minute Order Attached () No action necessary

This item on agenda as:
 Recommended
 For policy determination
 Submitted with comment
 Return for further action

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date:

Comments:

ATTEST: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: _____
Deputy

A.O. Initials: js

MARIPOSA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

FIRE SAFETY CLOTHING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The department has an active roster of 160 volunteer firefighters with 26 additional pending. Each is required to be provided safety clothing (known as turnouts) meeting OSHA/NFPA standards.

The department maintains an inventory of 180 turnout sets (assigned and or in stock) in "standard sizes". We estimate that 100 turnout sets currently assigned need to be laundered and repaired with upgraded collars and trim.

In 1999, the department appointed 37 new recruit firefighters. With attrition, the growth of the department is expected to remain within the 180 personnel. Each new recruit is equipped with personal safety gear. Past practice was to simply purchase new safety equipment. The cost of new turnouts is as follows:

STRUCTURE TURNOUTS		WILDLAND TURNOUTS	
Coat, New	\$410	Coat, New	\$150
Pants, New	\$250	Pants, New	\$150
Clothing Total	\$660		\$300
Helmet, New	\$145	Helmet, New	\$ 40
Flash Hood, New	\$ 20	Fire Shelter, New	\$ 60
Suspenders New	\$ 15	Goggles	\$ 22
Gloves New	\$ 20	Web Gear/Canteen	\$ 15
Boots, New	\$ 95	Cotton Tee Shirt Long	\$ 10
Other Total	\$295		\$147
GRAND TOTAL	\$955	GRAND TOTAL	\$447

In addition to the safety equipment, each fire fighter is provided with a radio pager at a cost of \$400. Total direct investment is \$ 1802.

The rehab program allows the department to send out non-conforming turnouts to a licensed laundry and repair facility. Turnouts are cleaned, combustible collars replaced, and reflective stripes added. In some cases repairs to the nomex cloth and or buckles are done. Average cost for structure and wildland gear is \$ 284 as compared to new replacement clothing cost of \$960.

The department recognizes that not all qualified applicants meet "standard size" criteria and the budget reflects the cost for new turnouts on a case by case basis. Emphasis continues to be placed on the rehabilitation program as long as the OSHA/NFPA standards allow.

MARIPOSA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ALERT PAGER UPGRADE PROGRAM

The department has an active roster of 160 volunteer firefighters with 26 additional pending. Each is provided with a radio pager which is activated by their company tone. The volunteer fire fighters receive verbal information transmitted by the dispatch center detailing the type of call and location.

As a result of overcrowding on the main CDF channel, all Mariposa County Fire units are switched to a second command frequency. As many volunteer fire fighters respond directly to the scene, they require pagers that support two channels. All pagers purchased since 1998 support this two channel capability. Cost of these pagers is equal to that of previously purchased units which is \$400 each. This includes a battery charger and case.

A significant benefit of these new pagers is that each is field programmable. The communications officer at Mariposa County Fire is capable of computer-programming these units as they are issued to new volunteer fire fighters.

The department has procured 63 pagers to date and will need to acquire the 102 remaining units to complete the upgrade. The Office of Traffic Safety Grant effective July 1, 2000 will provide for 23 more units leaving a balance of 79.

In 1999, the department appointed 37 new recruit firefighters. With attrition, the growth of the department is expected to remain within the 180 personnel. Procurement target is set at 180 pagers.