

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Donation of Turnout Gear to North Carolina State Firefighters' Association

DATE: 10/07/2024

- RECOMMENDATION**
- POLICY DISCUSSION**
- STATUS REPORT**
- OTHER**

BUDGET INFORMATION:

**ANNUAL-
CAPITAL-**

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: 10/21/2024

PURPOSE: To gain approval from the BOC to donate 41 sets of Firefighting Turnout gear to the North Carolina State Firefighters' Association. Per the manufacturer the expired gear can be valued at approximately \$500.00 per set or \$20,500.00.

BACKGROUND / HISTORY:

- a. North Carolina Firefighters lost much of their equipment and gear as a result of the flooding from the remnants of Hurricane Helene.
- b. Turn out gear is good for 10 years from the manufacturer's date.
- c. This is an industry-standard, compliant with the NPFA 1970 Standard on Protective Ensembles for Structural and Proximity Firefighting, Work Apparel, Open-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for Emergency Services, and Personal Alert Safety Systems (PASS)
- d. 1971 Standard on Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting
- e. NFPA 1851, Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting
- f. The gear being donated is out of date by the manufacturer's specifications

FACTS AND ISSUES:

- a. The gear for Habersham County Emergency Services personnel has been replaced over the years with new (compliant) gear.
- b. The new gear is good for 10 years.
- c. The gear being donated has recently expired.
- d. The North Carolina State Firefighters' Association knows the gear is beyond the recognized service date.
- e. Given the current situation, it's better than not having any turnout gear.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve recommendation – Approve donation of the firefighting turnout gear to North Carolina State Firefighters' Association.
 - 2) Deny recommendation – Deny request to donate the firefighting turnout gear
 - 3) Commission defined alternative
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RECOMMENDED SAMPLE MOTION:

Motion to approve the donation of 41 sets of expired turnout gear to North Carolina State Firefighters' Association.

DEPARTMENT:

Prepared by:

Jeffrey D. Adams

Director: ____

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ADMINISTRATIVE

COMMENTS: _____

_____ **DATE:** _____

County Manager
