



# Princeton Fire & Rescue Dept.

## Memorandum

**To:** Mayor Walker and City Council

**Date:** 05/05/21

**From:** Fire Chief Ron Lawrence

**Regarding:** CIP-Authorize Purchase of Rescue Boat

Mayor and Council,

With the upcoming canoeing season and the increased activities on the lakes and rivers around us, I have researched the costs for a rescue boat, motor, trailer, and accessories. We have \$25,000.00 in the CIP to purchase a rescue boat and equipment this year. City ownership of a rescue boat and properly trained staff will reduce response times for water rescues as adjacent jurisdictions would have response time from 45 minutes to an hour.

I have found a supplier that can fit us with a boat, motor, and trailer for less than \$10,000.00. I also have pricing for the safety equipment and supplies listed at \$3,500.00 and training at \$5000.00. The training would bring in an instructor to teach firefighters swift water and boat operation safety. If this training was completed before June 30<sup>th</sup>, we may be able to get the training cost reimbursed from State funding. The total cost for the equipment, supplies and training should not exceed \$18,500.00.

The request is being placed on the Study Session as the desired motor is in stock at this time, but may not be May 13 and the supplier is not sure when a motor would again be available.

I am requesting that Council approve the purchase of the rescue boat, motor, trailer, accessories, safety equipment/supplies and authorize training. I have also included a second quote for pricing.

I will be present for more information and questions. Thank you.

**Ron Lawrence**  
**Fire Chief**  
**Princeton Fire & Rescue Dept.**