



Princeton Fire & Rescue Dept.

Memorandum

To: Mayor Schmuacher and City Council

Date: 09/23/2020

From: Fire Chief Ron Lawrence

Regarding: Emergency Response Unit

Mayor and Council,

We are looking to purchase an Emergency Response Unit with CARES funding. This response unit would be used for responding to medicals and other calls that the fire department respond too. This vehicle would carry all medical supplies and extra Covid-19 supplies. The Fire Chief would respond with this vehicle. I usually respond direct from home and arrive first on medical scenes. I am also the highest trained medical person (paramedic).

With the Covid issues happening right now, it has been very hard to locate a vehicle. We were informed on Wednesday afternoon that a 2020 F-150 was available. With the Covid rules in place, we have to purchase the vehicle and have it in house before November 15th. To order a new vehicle off the state bid, it would take 8-10 weeks putting us out of the time window. The price of this vehicle we found is approximately \$2000.00 more than the state bid but also has a few features that are not usually ordered with a state bid vehicle.

The total cost of the vehicle and to set it up with a topper, lights, siren, graphics, and bed slide, will not exceed \$56,600.00.

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

Ron Lawrence
Fire Chief
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