

COUNCIL WORKSHOP ITEM

ITEM: PURCHASE OF CARDIAC MONITOR
DATE: April 17, 2001
PREPARED BY: Fire Chief Lanny Russell
PURPOSE: Provide Cardiac Monitor to Upgrade Engine 721 to ALS
BID AMOUNT: \$12,274.20 **ACCOUNT:** 01-751-0000-5731

DISCUSSION: The Fire Department has been interested in upgrading Engine 721, located at Fire Station 2, from Basic Life Support to Advanced Life Support. Until now, we would have had to guarantee a fire fighter/paramedic be assigned to this unit 24/7. Recent changes in IDPH regulations allow for a non-transport unit to be designated ALS when the staffing is available. Our current staffing would allow us to accomplish this approximately 80% of the time. We currently have all of the equipment that would be needed to accomplish this upgrade with the exception of the cardiac monitor. We are asking for approval to purchase a Medtronic/Physio-Control Lifepak 12 monitor/defibrillator. Currently the Department is using the Lifepak 12's on all three ambulances and the other two ALS engines. We are asking this be a single source purchase to standardize our equipment. This will allow us to not only have the equipment the same operationally, but to be able to interchange patient cables, batteries, monitor pads, etc. We have used the Lifepak units for several years and the paramedics have been very pleased with their operations and their dependability.

ATTACHMENT:

Attached is the quote from Medtronic/Physio-Control for the proposed unit.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Fire Department that the Council approve a contract with Medtronic/Physio-Control in the amount of \$12,274.20. We also respectfully ask that the purchase be given final approval at the April 24, 2001 meeting so that funds available in the 2000-01 budget may be utilized.