

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN

DATE: February 23, 2026

FROM: John M. Selberg, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Purchase of Structural Firefighting Protective Gear through an HGAC Cooperative Purchasing Agreement from North America Fire Equipment, Inc.

INTRODUCTION:

This item requests approval for the purchase of nineteen (19) sets of structural firefighting protective gear to replace existing gear that has reached the end of its service life and is no longer compliant with safety standards.

BACKGROUND:

Structural firefighting protective gear has a limited service life due to routine operational use and repeated exposure to hazardous conditions. In accordance with NFPA Standard 1851, all structural firefighting protective gear must be retired after ten (10) years of service, regardless of apparent condition. The Fire Department participates in the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program, which offers NFPA-compliant equipment through a competitively priced procurement process.

DISCUSSION:

The Structural Firefighting Protective Gear Committee reviewed specifications and recommends purchasing Lion Apparel structural firefighting gear from North America Fire Equipment Company, Inc. (NAFECO) through the H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program. NAFECO is an established vendor that meets departmental safety and delivery requirements. The total purchase cost is \$73,245.00 and will be funded within the FY26 Safety Equipment operating budget.

BUDGET IMPACT:

FY 2026

Fund	Dept.	Obj. Code	Description	Approved Line-Item Budget	Previous Expense	Proposed Expense	Balance	Budget Impact
110	42200	344	Replacement Structural Firefighting Protective Clothing	\$117,753.00	\$0.00	\$73,245.00	\$44,508.00	N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

[Turnout Gear Quote.pdf](#)

PROPOSED MOTION:

To approve the purchase of structural firefighting protective gear from North America Fire Equipment

Company, Inc. (NAFECO), through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program, Contract No. EE08-19, in an amount not to exceed \$73,245.00.

Board Action: Motion By _____ **Seconded By** _____

Vote Total	Hall	Jordan	Robbins	Marshall	Stamps	Fraser
Yes						
No						
Abstain						