

Agenda Item: 2.d

Meeting Date: September 18, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: City Commission

Through: Jennifer K. Bramley, City Manager

From: Sue Bartlett

Date: 2025-09-11

Subject: Approval of an Emergency Purchase for the Dunedin Fire Department of a 2011 E-One Surplus Fire Pumping Engine from the Palm Harbor Fire District for \$150,000, and accessories estimated at \$30,000; for a total "Not to Exceed" (NTE) amount of \$180,000.

Presenter(s): Michael Handoga, Interim Fire Chief; Sue Bartlett, Public Works Director; and Scott Caterson, Fleet Services Manager

Staff Recommendation: Commission approval of an Emergency Purchase for the Dunedin Fire Department of a 2011 E-One Surplus Fire Pumping Engine from the Palm Harbor Fire District for \$150,000, and accessories estimated at \$30,000; for a total "Not to Exceed" (NTE) amount of \$180,000.

Strategic Themes: CITY SERVICES

Boards & Committees: N / A

Budget Impact: Funding for this equipment purchase is available in Acct. #140-2220-522-056406-PS, under Project #222513, via a Budget Adjustment / Transfer from interest earnings in the ARPA Fund (see Exhibit B). This Budget Adjustment will be brought before the Commission during a future Quarterly Update by the Finance Department for formal approval.

Past Action: N / A

Next Action: Process Emergency Intergovernmental Purchase from the Palm Harbor Fire District, in accordance with the Purchasing Agent's Memo, subject to Commission approval.

Attachments: [Exhibit A. Purchasing Agent Memo 2011 Make E-One Cyclone II \(Pumper Fire Truck\) - \[OK'd by BMO\].pdf](#)
[Exhibit B. BA-BT Request Form - Palm Harbor Fire Rescue](#)

[Surplus Pumper Truck \(09-08-25\).pdf](#)
[Exhibit C. FD Memo.pdf](#)
[Exhibit D. Palm Harbor Engine Fact Sheet.pdf](#)
[Exhibit E. Bill of Sale DFD.pdf](#)

Background:

The Dunedin Fire Department has two (2) primary fire engine "pumpers" in service on the front line. These units are in the Vehicle Replacement Plan (VRP), with one (1) of them previously approved for replacement; scheduled for delivery towards the end of 2025. The second pumper is planned for replacement in 2028. These units would normally rotate out of active service to "reserve" status.

However, the two (2) current reserve units have recently encountered mechanical issues. Apparatus #102 (2009 reserve pumper, with 133,000 miles / 17,500 engine hours) has experienced numerous mechanical issues (a prior transmission failure, and recent dashboard fire), but will continue to serve as a reserve unit. The second reserve unit, Apparatus #124 (2005 pumper, with 148,000 miles / 15,700 engine hours) suffered catastrophic engine damage. The cost of repairing this pumper unit is prohibitive, thus it has been removed from service and will be sent as surplus for salvage.

Staff is proposing an Emergency Purchase, in accordance with the attached Purchasing Agent Memorandum (see Exhibit A), of a surplus 2011 pumper unit from the Palm Harbor Fire District to replace (Apparatus #124) reserve unit. The Palm Harbor surplus engine (2011 E-One) is service-ready, with approximately 71,740 miles, 7,700 hours, a 1,500 GPM pump, 500-gallon poly tank, and current pump certification.

The Public Works - Fleet Division has assessed the mechanical condition and found it acceptable for use as a reserve unit. Fleet will work with the Fire Department to complete the outfitting and registration. The purchase price provides an immediate, cost-effective solution, and can be purchased by the City Manager with Commission approval. The 2011 pumper unit will be assigned Fleet Apparatus #107. This reserve unit will not be included in the Vehicle Replacement Plan (VRP), therefore, there will not be an increase in the overall number of assets. Any future salvage value will be returned to the Fleet Fund.

As such, staff hereby recommends Commission approval of an Emergency Purchase for the Dunedin Fire Department of a 2011 E-One Surplus Fire Pumping Engine from the Palm Harbor Fire District for \$150,000, and accessories estimated at \$30,000; for a total "Not to Exceed" (NTE) amount of \$180,000, as described herein.

