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NARRAGANSETT TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: June 19, 2023

FROM: Scott Partington, Fire Chief

DEPARTMENT: Fire Department

SUBJECT:

A MOTION TO APPROVE the Purchase of one (1) Pro-Nox Nitrous Oxide Delivery System for the Fire Department from Carestream America, LLC in the amount of \$4,916.60.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

The Fire Department is planning to implement a nitrous oxide program. Nitrous oxide is a colorless, odorless, non-flammable gas primarily used for sedation and pain relief. Nitrous oxide use is becoming more commonplace in the prehospital setting due to advances in delivery systems and numerous well-documented studies supporting its efficacy of use. Nitrous oxide is an analgesic well-suited for short scene times and rescue environments because the route of administration is inhalation. Its use remains within the RIDOH Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) scope of practice for patient comfort in the treatment of moderate to severe pain in adults and pediatrics. Nitrous oxide will also serve as a fast acting alternative to ibuprofen or fentanyl, as well as an effective alternative means of pain management for a patients who may be struggling with recovery from opioid addictions.

Carestream America, LLC. is the sole provider of this system. Please see the attached sole source letter. In accordance with the Town of Narragansett Code of Ordinances, Section 70-326 and Rhode Island General Laws, Chapter 55, Section 45-55-8, the Purchasing Manager has determined this to be a sole source item.

FUNDING SOURCE:

Funding is supported by Opioid Settlement Funds donated by Narragansett Prevention Partnership.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Carestream America quote.pdf](#)

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