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City of Plantation  
City Council Chambers

**Subject:**

Fire Blocker - Florida Sheriff's Association Contract No. FSA25-VEH23.0

**Summary:**

Request for authorization and approval of the following:

Authorization and approval of a competitive procurement exemption pursuant to section 2-226(g)(5) of the City's code.

Authorization and approval to issue a purchase order and process a payment(s) to The Peterbilt Store South Florida LLC for a Fire Blocker (further detailed in the attached Quote) for the amount of \$229,981.00.

**Procurement:**

Notwithstanding the obvious benefit served by having all purchases submitted to competitive procurement, circumstances can arise when the City determines there is no need for the City to seek competitive procurement. In such cases the City shall seek a waiver of the competitive procurement process. The Procurement and Fire Department is requesting approval of a "competitive procurement exemption/wavier" pursuant to Sec. 2-226(g)(5) of the City's Code.

The Plantation Fire Department is requesting the use of Florida Sheriff's Association Contract No. FSA25-VEH23.0 to purchase a new Fire Blocker. The acquisition and deployment of a highway blocker is essential for ensuring the safety of personnel, motorists, and the public during emergency operations, roadway incidents, and planned traffic control activities. A highway blocker provides a physical barrier capable of absorbing or deflecting high-speed vehicle impacts, reducing the risk of serious injury or death to first responders working in active traffic environments.

Florida Sheriff's Association Contract No. FSA25-VEH23.0 (Heavy Trucks and Buses) complies with our City Code regarding aforementioned competitive procurement exemption. Florida Sheriffs Association Contract is set to expire September 30, 2027.

Based on the foregoing, the Procurement and Fire Department request authorization and approval of the following:

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**Background:**

**Strategic Priorities: Planning for a Sustainable Future, Safe and Secure**

The use of a fire blocker as a blocking vehicle is a critical safety practice during roadway incidents. (Turnpike) Fire blockers are positioned upstream of the incident to create a physical barrier between moving traffic and emergency personnel operating on or near the roadway.

This item is now ready for City Council consideration.

**Funding:**

001-8852-519-6401

**Amount:**

\$229,981.00

**Finance Director/Budget Manager Recommendation:**

The above Fire Blocker is funded by the Fund Balance Assigned to Risk Management. The total risk fund balance approved for this item is \$250,000.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

[FSA Contract](#)

[Quote](#)

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