

**TO: Government Operations Committee**

**FR: Tom Higgins, Assistant Fire Chief**

**DT: October 15, 2014**

**RE: Assistance to Firefighter Grant Application**

The Fire Department is seeking authorization to submit an application to the 2014 Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) program. Although the specific application period has not been announced, the 30 day submission time should be opened in early November.

The application will be for 55 replacement air bottles used on self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). SCBAs are used by firefighters use in smoke and other hazardous environments. Air bottles have a service life of 15 years and these 55 bottles will expire for use in 2015. The estimated replacement cost is \$50,000 and a grant award will require a 10% local match. Staff will be prepared on Monday to identify a source of funding for the local match of \$5,000.

The Fire Department has been very successful with this program in the past, receiving awards for three fire trucks, 30 SCBA, fire alarm systems, sprinkler systems, and fitness equipment.

Fire Department staff will be at the meeting to answer questions or concerns.