

TO: Debbie Cyr, Finance Director

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RE: Stryker stretcher for new rescue truck

The Fire Department prefers to include replacement stretchers with the purchase of new rescue trucks as they seem to wear out at the same pace. Normally these stretchers are purchased outside of a new truck contract. This time the manufacturer of the new truck, P. L. Custom, can offer a new "Stryker Brand" stretcher for less money and include factory installation. Stryker stretchers are used in the other four rescue trucks operated by the fire department.

The FY 14/15 capital budget includes \$164,500 for the purchase of a rescue truck and equipment. In September the Finance Committee approved the purchase of a new rescue truck not to exceed \$157,000. The final negotiated purchase price of the new truck without a stretcher is \$149,653. The fire department seeks approval to add the purchase of a new stretcher for \$14,675 bringing the total project budget to \$164,328.

Fire Department staff will attend the Finance Committee Meeting to answer any questions.