

Board Action Request

SUBJECT: Purchase of a Utility Transportation Vehicle for Wildland Medical Response

DATE: January 27, 2021

FROM: Deputy Chief Genaro Rivera, Wildland Coordinator Andres Egurrola

Background: The Tubac Fire District is requesting approval to purchase a Polaris Ranger XP 1000. The Polaris Ranger XP 1000 will be utilized as needed for any emergency within areas our ambulances have limited access to, as well as to continue participating in the response to wildfires and all hazards incident within the state of Arizona. Tubac Fire District has participated for twenty plus years as a cooperator with the state of Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM). District resources and personnel are utilized upon request during wildfires and all hazard incidents to assist other agencies at the state, federal and national level. Tubac Fire District has been a very successful and influential organization among the wildland associations. One of the most utilized and requested resources has been the Incident Medical Team (IMT), which consist of a Paramedic and Emergency Medical Technician to respond as a team to wildfires as well as other hazards incidents. When the IMT is requested Tubac Fire District sends a Paramedic and EMT in a command vehicle (pickup truck) and a UTV along with medical equipment to be self-sufficient in any emergency that could occur while assigned to the incident. The FY 20/21 rate for the IMT is \$740/day plus \$0.64 per mile for the command vehicle. The IMT is typically assigned to an incident for 14 days averaging revenue of \$10,000 plus milage per incident.

In FY 20/21 the IMT generated \$23,920. In FY 19/20 IMT generated \$29,670. Tubac Fire District currently has a 2008 Polaris Ranger that is deployed on all the IMT assignments and is available for in district events. The 2008 Polaris Ranger is slated for replacement this year. Adding an additional UTV will allow the District to send out two IMT units at a time now that we have increased our paramedic pool. We will provide for continuous coverage in the district while fulfilling resource order requests for IMT more consistently. Last year Tubac Fire District turned down 6 IMT resource order requests due to insufficient equipment and lack of personnel.

District staff gathered quotes from different vendors, and we were successful in finding a vendor that is part of a procurement program. Polaris Government & Defense has provided us with the best quote.

Fiscal Impact: This item is currently in the FY 20/21 CIP in the amount of \$20,000. The total amount of the purchase is \$16,998.26 through Polaris Government & Defense.

Alternate Option: Board Recommendation

Staff Recommendation: Staff is recommending approval of the Polaris Government & Defense quote for \$16,998.26.

Proposed Motion: Move to approve the purchase of a Polaris Ranger Crew XP1000 from Polaris Government & Defense in the amount of \$16,998.26 plus tax.

See Attachments:

- Polaris Quote
- Ride Now Quotes