

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 11/20/02
Department Name: Fire
Department No.: 031
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Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time: 10
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: John M. Scherrei
Fire Chief

STAFF James Harrison, Operations Division Chief x4202
CONTACT: Mark Schmitt, Administrative Division Chief x5533

SUBJECT: Request for Waiver of Competition in Purchase of Inter-Spiro Breathing Apparatus

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Purchasing Agent to procure approximately \$136,000 worth of breathing apparatus and maintenance equipment from Bauer Compressors Inc., (not a local vendor) without being required to conduct a formal bid process.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 2-- A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

Pursuant to County Code 2-39, we are requesting your Board to waive the requirement for a competitive bid for the purchase of Inter-Spiro Breathing Apparatus and Posicheck 3 Test Kits with Interspiro Manifold and Software from Bauer Company.

Our Department has a 15 year history in dealing with this company for the purchase of Interspiro Breathing Apparatus. This purchase will allow the Department to fully complement all of our fire apparatus and obtain the necessary equipment to test and maintain our breathing apparatus.

Mandates and Service Levels:

By ensuring that a breathing apparatus is available for all department members when working in a hazardous environment and having the ability to test and maintain our equipment, the Fire Department is maintaining

the current level of service, maximizing its effectiveness when responding to incidents and ensuring compliance with OSHA for mandated testing requirements.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Fire District Funds (30%) and Fire Act Grant Funds (70%) will cover this purchase. The Fire District portion has been included in the FY 02/03 adopted budget. A budget revision request will be processed for the Fire Act Grant portion of this purchase.

Special Instructions:

Please route certified copies of the Minute Order to:

Purchasing Agent, John McMillin
Rose Pueschel, County Fire
Curt Warner, County Fire

Concurrence:

County Administrator, County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, Purchasing Agent