



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager    **DATE:** August 24, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Authorize the purchase of personal protective equipment using a city contract with Casco Industries, Inc., in a total amount not to exceed \$76,713.

**PRESENTER:** Kenneth Rawson, Assistant Fire Chief

**SUMMARY:**

Authorize the purchase of personal protective equipment using a city contract with Casco Industries, Inc., in a total amount not to exceed \$76,713.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

The Fire Department utilizes a City of North Richland Hills purchasing agreement (15-017) with Casco Industries, Inc., to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) and other firefighting equipment. PPE is used to protect firefighters during structural firefighting as well as additional hazardous exposures while responding to medical calls or other calls for service. The gear is processed through advanced cleaning in an extractor immediately following hazardous exposures. The need for the additional gear was identified during the COVID-19 pandemic as potential exposures required the gear to be pulled out of service until it could be cleaned, removing any affected firefighters from active response capabilities. The purchase of additional sets of PPE will allow personnel to place clean gear in service while exposed gear is laundered and cleaned. The PPE is being purchased with funds the city received from the CARES Act related to expenses for COVID-19. The purchase of the PPE is within the currently adopted budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the purchase of personal protective equipment using a city contract with Casco Industries, Inc., in a total amount not to exceed \$76,713.