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**APPLETON FIRE DEPARTMENT
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APPLETON, WI 54911**

MEMORANDUM

To: Alderperson Kathy Plank, Chair, Finance Committee
Members of the Common Council

From: Eugene R Reece, Jr., Deputy Fire Chief

Date: March 4, 2014

Re: Request to Donate Out-of-Service Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs) to the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department

In 2013, the department purchased new fire fighting SCBA's for the purpose of replacing outdated SCBA's and to enhance firefighter safety by providing current technology advancements available that were not part of our existing SCBA units. A large portion of this purchase was covered by the federal government in the Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) and the remaining portion through city budget approved capital improvement projects.

We are seeking permission to donate fourteen SCBA units to the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department for use within the jail setting. These SCBA's are still valuable for non-firefighting situations and will serve as an update for the current equipment within the jail. The Appleton Fire Department is a partner with the Sheriff's Department on a number of initiatives and providing these units for use within the jail will enhance the safety of the sheriff's department personnel as well as providing enhanced joint operations should we respond to assist during an emergency event within the jail setting.

During the purchase process, we included within the request for proposals (RFP's) the option of trading in these units for a value off the initial purchase. None of the vendors that submitted a proposal for the purchase of new units included a trade in value for the SCBA units. Although we may be able to sell these units on eBay, we believe the value we may receive would be lower than the value of providing these units to one of our operational partners. The attorney's office has drafted an agreement relating to the transfer of equipment and the protection from liability related to this transfer. The department requests permission to donate the fourteen SCBA units to the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department.

If you have any questions or need additional clarification, please feel free to contact me at 832-5810. Thank you!

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