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APPLETON FIRE DEPARTMENT  
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APPLETON, WI 54911

### MEMORANDUM

**To:** Alderperson Michael Smith, Chair & Safety and Licensing Committee  
Members of the Common Council

**From:** Len Vander Wyst, Fire Chief

**Date:** March 20, 2014

**Re:** Request to Purchase Air Compressor and Associated Equipment

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As you may recall, the Appleton Fire Department budgeted \$527,900 in the 2013 Capital Improvement Budget for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs) and associated respiratory-related equipment. The department was awarded a FEMA Assistance to Firefighter's Grant in the amount of \$265,600 for this purchase, which will offset the cost for the City.

As part of this project, the department sought quotes on a compressed air system, which will be located at Fire Station # Three. This system will allow fire crews to remain closer to their districts at all times when maintaining their respiratory equipment. The equipment quoted is a Mako Air Compressor which is consistent with existing equipment located at Fire Station # One.

The department solicited quotes from three vendors as follows for equipment and installation:

Five Alarm Fire and Safety Equipment, LLC - \$43,640

Bendlin Fire Equipment Co., Inc. - \$44,079

Gardner Denver - \$43,179\*

\*Gardner Denver did not provide installation costs. Therefore, the Appleton Fire Department is requesting to purchase the air compressor and related equipment from Five Alarm Fire and Safety Equipment, LLC for \$43,640.

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