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APPLETON FIRE DEPARTMENT
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MEMORANDUM

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

From: Len Vander Wyst., Fire Chief

Date: August 10, 2017

Re: CIP Project Modification

The 2016 approved budget contained funding for the second phase of the upgrade of the training tower located at Fire Station Six. The goal of this upgrade was to enhance training opportunities including the education on flashover, fire behavior and smoke travel. Included in this was a plan to purchase and install a roof ventilation simulator; however, that portion of the project was not completed in 2016 and funds (\$10,440) were carried into 2017.

Given the recent climate of increasing threats for potential harm to our members responding to emergency medical incidents in hostile environments, the Appleton Fire Department has evaluated our current ballistic equipment levels and determined that additional equipment is needed to protect our First Responders. The staff has placed a high priority on outfitting our front-line response vehicles with ballistic personal protective equipment to provide the necessary level of protection to all of the members assigned to that apparatus. To fully outfit one person with personal protective equipment and accessories, we need to purchase approximately 20 sets to include vests, helmets, pouches, headlamps, etc. at an approximate cost of \$500 to \$600 per set.

Based on this increased number of incidents with escalating violence, the Appleton Fire Department is requesting to utilize the \$10,440 that was carried over for the training tower project to be used for the purchase of ballistic personal protective equipment. If you have any questions or need additional clarification, please contact me at 832-5810.

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