

Proposal to Obtain Special Events Equipment UTV

Issue

Our department is consistently working events, football games, activities within the town, park events etc. When manning these events, the size of our equipment, moving personnel around, and ensuring that we can quickly and effectively mitigate something that happens at these events can be hindered. Our department would like to have the ability to have a smaller piece of equipment to quickly maneuver personnel and medical supplies to the location needed.

Proposal

Purchase a UTV with medical skid unit to fit into the back.

Approval is being sought for the purchase of a UTV with a medical skid unit to slide into the back. This unit would allow us to put all medical equipment onto this vehicle along with personnel to mitigate situations at events. This gives us the opportunity to be able to navigate through crowds, off road locations and any other event needing our coverage.

Rationale

We are asked to work, man and provide medical coverage for a multitude of events both for town and for outside entities. During these events, we must move equipment and navigate crowds to get to the location requested. Our large apparatus does not do this effectively. In that, if we go on foot it can create issues if we forget a piece of equipment or need additional equipment. Also depending on the distance from where we currently are it can create delays. This would be a tremendously beneficial item for us to have. We spoke about this last year but due to where we were fiscally we decided to push it a year for request.

Cost

Not to exceed \$40,000 – the exact equipment cache is still being laid out but a typical UTV for 2-4 people can run around 16,000-20,000 dollars with the weight rating needed to carry skid unit and personnel. In addition to that, the skid unit varies from 4,000 to 7,500 dollars. We would then need to stock the unit with medical supplies as well. We feel that overall, we will come in below this figure. It is being ranged to the high side to ensure we do not have to come back to the council for additional funds with it being close to the end of the year.

Summary

The included items will not only benefit the fire department and provide them with the tools to further enhance our medical response abilities within the community, but also ensure we are capable and equipped to handle events. We handle many different and varying events throughout the year and a piece of equipment like this would serve as an invaluable item to our membership in being prepared and organized to handle medical emergencies within those situations.