



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Finance Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Troy Elliott

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Ratification of payments for service and repairs of breathing air compressors at SAFD

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes ratification of a purchase and payment for service and repairs for the breathing air compressors located at Fire Stations, the SAFD Mobile Air Compressors, and the SCBA Air Paks. Funding in the total amount of \$81,204.08 and is available from the General Fund FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Heat Safety Equipment LLC, services and repairs the breathing air compressors located at Fire Stations, the SAFD Mobile Air Compressors, and the SCBA Air Paks. These compressors are used to refill the SCBA cylinders that the firefighters rely on during firefighting operations. The essential breathing air compressors are deemed life critical during all emergency responses and the equipment is specialized to provide an autonomous supply of breathable gas in an atmosphere that is immediately dangerous to life or health of the firefighters.

Heat Safety Equipment LLC, is dispatched directly to all fire stations where the unit is located

once a repair issue with the compressor has been reported. To keep the station and mobile compressors, SCBA Air Paks, regulators and thermal imaging cameras in service and working properly, Heat Safety Equipment LLC, is authorized to repair on-site immediately when the problem is diagnosed in order to keep the equipment fully functional and ready for all emergency responses which can occur at any time. SAFD has seen an increase in necessary repairs as the existing units are aging and require more attention and maintenance to ensure maximum reliable operational service.

SAFD has been utilizing Heat Safety Equipment LLC, to address unit repairs at various fire stations and locations, as needed; however, these expenses exceeded the \$50,000 threshold requiring City Council approval and therefore this ordinance approves a ratification of payment for services performed by Heat Safety Equipment LLC, in the amount of \$81,204.08. SAFD's plan is to address any future repairs or services through an annual contract, once an annual contract has been established.

#### **ISSUE:**

This ordinance will ratify purchases and payments accordingly as outlined in this memo for services and repairs of the fixed breathing air compressors located at Fire Stations, the SAFD Mobile Air Compressors, and SCBA Air Paks due to not having a contract in place for these services.

The recommended vendor was not reviewed by the Small Business Economic Development Advocacy Program, Local Preference Program, and the Veteran-Owned Business due to the circumstances stated herein.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Any delay in servicing and repairing the fixed breathing air compressors located at Fire Stations, the SAFD Mobile Air Compressors, and SCBA Air Paks would have caused the City to be subject to having less firefighters available for fighting fires. The City would not have sufficient inventory to support firefighters during firefighting placing their health and safety of citizens at risk.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes ratification of purchases and payment for service and repairs of the fixed breathing air compressors located at Fire Stations, the SAFD Mobile Air Compressors, and SCBA Air Paks in the amount of \$81,204.08. Funding in the total amount of \$81,204.08 and is available from the General Fund FY 2024 Adopted Budget

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of a ratification of purchases and payment for service and repairs of the fixed breathing air compressors located at Fire Stations, the SAFD Mobile Air Compressors, and SCBA Air Paks in the amount of \$81,204.08 to Heat Safety Equipment LLC.