



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: MAY 10, 2022

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF FORTY-FIVE AVON GEAR AIR PURIFYING SYSTEM MASKS AND ACCESSORIES FROM SAFEWARE, OF WESTMINSTER, CA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,353.24

## **ISSUE:**

Authorize a purchase order for the purchase of forty-five Avon Gear Air Purifying Masks and accessories from Safeware, of Westminster, CA, in the amount of \$69,353.24.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council authorize a purchase order for the purchase of forty-five Avon Gear Air Purifying System Masks and accessories from Safeware, of Westminster, CA, in the amount of \$69,353.24.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Riverside Police Department Special Operations Division SWAT Team (SWAT Team) utilizes air purifying masks, also known as gas masks, during armed barricade standoffs and hostage rescue events where chemical agents may be deployed, during riotous incidents to maintain peace and public safety and to assist in hazardous material/chemical spill incidents. The current equipment is nearing its end of life and is beginning to deteriorate and becoming unusable.

The proposed purchase is for the Avon Air Purifying System mask (FM54) with voice projector which provides maximum protection to the face, eyes, and respiratory track. This can prevent harm from Chemical Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) contamination during a variety of critical incidents that could pose harm to the user. This specific mask provides a much wider field of view (best in class) than other masks on the market and allows the user to change lens colors, depending on the environment, or switch to a corrective lens, if needed. The mask also provides an inlet for a portable hydration system for extreme weather and long activities, is extremely flexible, has a variety of filters available for different types of environments or missions, and includes an integrated voice box for communicating during critical incidents.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Police Department is requesting to purchase forty-five of the Avon Gear FM54 Twin Port Air Purifying System Masks, Voice Projection Units with Microphone, and cable mask adapters from Safeware, of Westminster, CA, in the amount of \$69,353.24.

Safeware has provided a quote for the Avon Gear FM54 Twin Port Gas Masks, Voice Projection Units with Microphone, and cable mask adapters in accordance with Omnia Partners Contract number 159469 pricing. Purchasing Resolution 23812, Section 602(f) states that for the Acquisition of Goods, "Competitive procurement through the Informal Procurement and Formal Procurement process shall not be required: ... (f) When Cooperative Purchasing is available and undertaken or when Goods can be obtained through Federal, State and/or other public entity pricing contracts or price agreements."

The Purchasing Services Manager Concurs that this purchase is in accordance with Purchasing Resolution 23812, Section 602(f).

## **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This item contributes to Strategic Priority No. 2 - *Community Well-Being* and Goal No. 2.4 – Support programs and innovations that enhance community safety, encourage neighborhood engagement, and build public trust.

This item aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – Purchasing new air purifying system masks for the SWAT Team serves the public interest, benefits the City's diverse populations, and results in greater public good. The Police Department equips the SWAT Team with air purifying system masks to ensure they have the personal protective equipment necessary and readily available for various situations to which they might need to respond.
2. **Equity** – The RPD provides public safety services to all residents in the City of Riverside. Having specialized personal protective equipment, helps in the achievement of this goal by ensuring that RPD employees have the tools at their disposal to respond to situations of various types in order to enhance community safety.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – The RPD is proposing this purchase in accordance with Purchasing Resolution 23812, Sections 602(f). The pricing obtained through the Omniapartners Cooperative was confirmed to be competitively bid pricing.
4. **Innovation** – In order to meet the community's changing needs and prepare for the future, RPD equips officers assigned to the SWAT Team with various types of personal protective equipment and has continued to train and develop methods to deploy personnel and serve the community.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The purpose of purchasing air purifying system masks for the SWAT Team is to ensure they have the tools necessary to provide public safety services in the present and future, while adapting, and growing with the needs of the community.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total fiscal impact of this action is \$69,353.24. Sufficient funds are budgeted and available in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Police Asset Forfeiture Program, Special Department Supplies account number 3145201-426800.

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Attachment: Safeware Quote