



City of Rochelle Fire Department

Memo

To: David Plyman, City Manager
From: Brian Johnson, Fire Chief
Date: 07/06/2011
Re: Ambulance purchase

The current budget includes funds for the purchase of a new ambulance to replace a 1996 MedTec ambulance now in service. The present unit has the highest mileage of the three ambulances and has reached an unusual age for an emergency ambulance. This rig was originally scheduled for replacement in 2006. The costs of repair to this unit have begun to reach a level that is not fiscally prudent to continue. Multiple accessories on the ambulance have needed replacement. For safe and prompt emergency medical service for our community, it is very important to have a reliable ambulance. This ambulance has been used primarily for out of town transfers, but the suspension has become very suspect. For these reasons, a replacement is requested. For these reasons, it is time to move ahead and replace this ambulance.

Subsequent to the required public notification, competitive bids for a new unit were opened on July 6, 2011. One bid was received as follows:

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| 2012 Medtec Ambulance/Ford F450 Chassis | \$157,878.00 |
| Foster Coach Sales, Sterling, IL | |

In reviewing the bid, it meets our specifications and falls within the budgeted amount. The City of Rochelle presently owns this make and type of ambulance and they proved to be reliable rigs. It is my recommendation to authorize the purchase of the 2012 Medtec Ambulance from Foster Coach Sales for the price \$157,878.00 minus the trade-in value of the 1996 MedTec ambulance of \$7500.00 for a total of **\$150,378.00**.

If convenient, please place this item on the July 11, 2011 City Council agenda.

Thank you.

Brian