

RESOLUTION NO. 3282

A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BID REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT HYDRAULIC RESCUE TOOL (JAWS OF LIFE).

WHEREAS, the hydraulic rescue tool currently being used by the Emergency Services Division of the Albany Fire Department has been determined to be obsolete, and

WHEREAS, the 1993-94 City of Albany budget includes an appropriation of \$23,000.00 for the purchase of a hydraulic rescue tool, and

WHEREAS, a recent multi-vehicle accident has demonstrated that the hydraulic rescue tool is inadequate for an event of that magnitude and, therefore, causes an emergency to exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany City Council, acting as the Contract Review Board, hereby approves the following findings of fact relating to the purchase of a hydraulic rescue tool:

1. Standardization and tool familiarity are important in assuring efficient emergency operations. Our newest rescue tool is a Holmatro brand tool, and this purchase would standardize our frontline fire engines. AMC 2.64.060 (11)
2. Our existing Holmatro tool was purchased after exhaustive comparison tests with other brands. In use for two years, it has proven to be a superb tool, and we do not believe that any other brand would offer improved performance or quality. AMC 2.64.060 (11)
3. Santiam Emergency Equipment, a Stayton business, is the sole distributor for this product in Oregon. Their proximity and past record assures continued excellent customer service and serviceability. AMC 2.64.060 (11)
4. Santiam's package-price quote is for a demo unit for the two major components of the system and for a pump upgrade unit for our existing reserve rescue tool. Therefore, the total cost of the system, even with the pump upgrade is well below what we would expect to pay for an all-new system. AMC 2.64.060 (20)(B)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Albany City Council declares an emergency and authorizes the purchase of a hydraulic rescue tool from Santiam Emergency Equipment of Stayton in the amount of \$22,637.93 without competitive bidding as provided for by the provisions of Section 2.64.060 of the Albany Municipal Code.

DATED this 11th day of August, 1993.

ATTEST:

Norm C. Withrow
Deputy City Recorder


Mayor

