



Agenda Item

Orange City Council

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TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THRU: Jarad Hildenbrand, City Manager

FROM: Alan Velasco, Fire Chief

1. SUBJECT

Authorize purchase of Fire Department personal protective equipment, specialized safety equipment and supplies, and department uniforms from LN Curtis & Sons

2. SUMMARY

Purchase of personal protective equipment, specialized safety equipment and supplies, and department uniforms from LN Curtis & Sons through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreements 020124 LNC and 010424 LNC for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

3. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the purchase of Fire Department personal protective equipment, specialized safety equipment and supplies, and department uniforms from LN Curtis & Sons in an amount not to exceed \$157,000.

4. FISCAL IMPACT

The expense for this purchase is \$157,000 and will be funded through General Fund(100) and EMT Transport (225), respectively:

100-3121-54101	Noncapitalize Equipment	\$102,000
100-3121-53101	Operating Materials and Supplies	\$ 32,000
225-3216-53102	Uniforms and Clothing	\$ 15,000
100-3011-53102	Uniforms and Clothing	<u>\$ 8,000</u>
		\$157,000

5. STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Goal 1: Maintain Strong Emergency and Safety Services

6. DISCUSSION AND BACKGROUND

Fire Department safety gear, specialized equipment, and uniforms are selected based on operational needs, regulatory requirements, and national safety standards. All equipment must meet established safety, performance, and life expectancy criteria to ensure the highest level of protection for personnel operating in hazardous environments. Uniforms also play a critical role in clearly identifying public safety personnel during emergencies and major incidents, ensuring staff are readily recognized as a source of assistance. To maintain compliance with departmental specifications and required safety standards, the use of authorized direct distribution vendors is essential.

The Fire Department procures safety gear, uniforms, and specialized equipment from three primary vendors-Allstar Fire Equipment, LN Curtis & Sons (LN Curtis), and LineGear, Inc.-based on each vendor's product availability, manufacturing capabilities, distribution channels, and technical expertise. These vendors are recognized leaders in the fire service supply industry and, in many cases, are the only authorized distributors for the equipment used by the Orange City Fire Department. Each vendor offers competitive pricing through cooperative purchasing agreements, ensuring efficient and cost effective procurement.

LN Curtis provides the department with current, approved specifications for firefighting gloves, flash hoods, wildland brush jackets, hose, and rope rescue equipment. They also supply the department's specialized USAR related equipment, including heavy rescue tools, extrication tools, stabilization equipment, rope rescue systems, personal protective equipment (PPE), self contained breathing apparatus, technical rescue tools, and other critical emergency response products. In addition, LN Curtis has developed a customized online portal for Fire Prevention uniform-orders, streamlining ordering workflows, approvals, and billing processes. Through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreements 020124 LNC and 010424 LNC, LN Curtis offers a wide range of products and brands, ensuring the City benefits from consistent and competitive pricing.

The Fire Department recommends that the City Council approve a blanket purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$157,000 with LN Curtis for PPE, specialized safety equipment and supplies, and department uniforms.

7. ATTACHMENTS

- 2024 Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement number 020124-LNC
- 2024 Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement number 010424-LNC