

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** March 8, 2023

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Thru:** Doug Thornley, City Manager

**Subject:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Authorization to join the Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chief's Association Contract #CW2231569 pursuant to NRS 332.195 to purchase X Series Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillators and associated equipment from Zoll Medical Corporation for the Reno Fire Department, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000. (General Fund)

**From:** Dave Cochran, Fire Chief

**Department:** Fire Department

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### **Summary:**

Staff requests Council authorization to purchase four X Series Cardiac Monitors/Defibrillators and equipment for the Reno Fire Department (RFD) for emergency medical operation purposes in an amount not to exceed \$200,000. This equipment will be purchased utilizing the Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chief's Association Contract #CW2231569 with Zoll Medical Corporation, as authorized pursuant to NRS 332.195, and be paid for using budgeted and available resources. The total cost of the units to be purchased from Zoll Medical Corporation will not exceed \$200,000. This purchase meets two of the goals laid out in the City's Strategic Plan of Fiscal Sustainability and Public Safety. Staff recommends Council approval to purchase X Series Cardiac Monitors/Defibrillators and associated equipment from Zoll Medical Corporation for the Reno Fire Department, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 using budgeted and available resources.

### **Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

Public Safety

Fiscal Sustainability

### **Previous Council Action:**

There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

### **Discussion:**

The provision of ALS/Paramedic is the highest level of service we can provide to our ever-

growing community. Each Monitor/Defibrillator will contain life-saving capabilities for our community and can transmit all patient care diagnostic information through wireless communication to the ePCR tablets that the RFD is currently using. This allows all tracings, vital signs, defibrillations and 15-Lead Electrocardiogram (EKG) records to be downloaded into the ePCR patient record electronically and seamlessly transferred to hospital care.

The advantage of this purchase for the Reno Fire Department is the immediate implementation that can take place in putting this equipment into service for the community immediately. Reno Fire Paramedics are already skilled and certified in 15-Lead EKG interpretation as outlined by the State of Nevada Division of Health, the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT), and the American Heart Association (AHA). Staff will utilize this innovative technology on every EMS response, reducing death and the risks associated with acute coronary syndrome, which can only be detected with a 15-Lead Monitor/Defibrillator. The new Monitor/Defibrillators will replace the original 2002 to 2008 models of AED devices that were previously in operation with the RFD, which are incapable of performing a 15-Lead EKG, a core expectation of the 2015 American Heart Association (AHA) Guidelines for Pre-hospital EKG Acquisition and Interpretation.

Staff has determined that utilizing the joinder provision of the Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chief's Association contract awarded to Zoll Medical Corporation, Contract #CW2231569, offers the best pricing for this equipment and meets the technical specifications needed by the Fire Department. Zoll Medical Corporation is the authorized west coast regional distributor for X Series Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillators awarded in Contract #CW2231569. The vendor has agreed to allow the City to join the Agreement.

**Financial Implications:**

The \$200,000 associated with this purchase is budgeted and available in the department's operating machinery and equipment budget.

**Legal Implications:**

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends Council approve the purchase of X Series Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillators from Zoll Medical Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 utilizing the joinder provision of Contract #CW2231569 from the Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chief's Association, as allowed under NRS 332.195 and authorize the Fire Chief to execute the necessary purchase order.

**Proposed Motion:**

I move to approve staff recommendation.

**Attachments:**

LTRFCA Agreement No. CW2231569