

**Charlotte Volunteer  
Fire and Rescue Service,  
Inc.**

# Memo

**To:** Lane Morrison, Town of Charlotte

**From:** John Snow, CVFRS, Inc.

**cc:** CVFRS Board, Dean Bloch

**Date:** October 22, 2015

**Re:** Requests for Funding from Fire and Rescue Capital Fund

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Lane,

At our meeting next Monday with the Selectboard, in addition to our Quarterly Financial Report, we will be formally requesting approval of certain items to be funded from the Town of Charlotte Fire and Rescue Capital Fund. A description of these requests follows.

**Item 1: Personal Protective Equipment - \$9,000.**

In our budget proposal last year we highlighted the need for additional bunker gear replacement funding in order to maintain safe protection for our members before the certification of current gear expires. At the request of the Selectboard, the incremental amount (\$9,000 for three sets of gear) was moved from the operating budget to the capital budget. This funding was included in the capital funding budget submitted in the town report. We now request affirmation by the Selectboard that this is approved so that we can proceed with purchase of this gear.

**Item 2: Thermal Imaging Camera – \$10,165**

In our capital budget for last year we requested funding of a new thermal imaging camera at an estimated cost of \$19,000. Recently CVFRS received an insurance payout for one of our existing imagers. By using these proceeds and negotiating the simultaneous purchase of two demo cameras with extended warranty CVFRS is reducing its funding request from \$19,000 to \$10,165. CVFRS is seeking approval of this lesser amount so that the purchase of the two cameras can be completed.

**Item 3: IV Pump - \$2,727.27**

This item was not included in the capital funding request for the budget submitted last year because the requirement to acquire it was not made by the State until the second quarter of last year. This device, which regulates the rate of medication administered by IV, is now required for all paramedic services. In order to participate in a group discount CVRS purchased this item in July temporarily using operating funds. The cost and useful life of the device make it an appropriate capital item.

The total funding approval being sought for these requests is \$21,892.27 versus a previously budgeted amount of \$28,000. We will be happy to answer any questions you and the Selectboard may have at our meeting on Monday.