



# Corporate Report

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## REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: February 27, 2009  
FROM: **Fire Chief** FILE: **1220-40-01-09**  
SUBJECT: **Purchase of Quick Response Pumper/Rescue Fire Apparatus**

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## RECOMMENDATION

The Fire Service Department recommends that Council approve the award of a contract for the supply of one 1250 IGPM Quick Response Pumper/Rescue Unit to Safetek Emergency Vehicles Ltd. (Smeal Fire Apparatus) in the amount of \$628,828.48 including all applicable taxes.

## BACKGROUND

The City called for Quotations for the supply of the subject apparatus through RFQ# 1220-40-01-09. Twenty-three companies were invited to submit a quote and the RFQ was also posted on the City's website and the B.C. Bid website. The RFQ process was undertaken in accordance with the City's Purchase & Expenditure Authorization By-law and practices. Two quotes were received by January 30, 2009 and were evaluated using the criteria stated in the RFQ.

The quote from Safetek Emergency Vehicles Ltd. met or exceeded all specifications. The City's previous experience with Safetek has been satisfactory and the product quality excellent.

## DISCUSSION

The acquisition of this QR Pumper/Rescue combination apparatus continues to demonstrate a new direction being taken by the Surrey Fire Service. The QR Pumper/Rescue will offer the City better utilization of its' fire fighting work forces. The apparatus provides the Department with a Pumper and Rescue combination at approximately half the cost of purchasing separate Pumper and Rescue trucks. The unit is multi-functional, staffed with two persons (but has the capability for 4 persons) and is capable of providing immediate intervention at any emergency incident requiring medical/rescue or to supplement a fire ground related emergency. The apparatus will be equipped with a full complement of ground ladders, 500 imperial gallon water tank, 1250 IGPM fire pump, 400 feet of 2.5 inch hose, 800 feet of 4 inch hose, four pre-connect

attack lines, 25 imperial gallon class A foam concentrate system, rescue equipment consisting of cutter, spreader (Jaws of Life), hydraulic rams, rescue saw, smoke fan, 8,000-watt generator, scene light tower and medical equipment. This unit is designed for proactive, emergency operations in a first responder capacity.

This will be the City's second QR Pumper/Rescue unit that is smaller in size so it can respond quickly and easily manoeuvre through the inner City areas where growth and density require this scale of public safety equipment.

The QR Pumper/Rescue will facilitate decommissioning of one older fire truck. The decommissioned truck is a 1997 in need of some major cab and fire body overhaul. The fire body builder for the apparatus is now out of business and parts are no longer available and must be custom manufactured, which impacts negatively on operating costs and down time. The new QR Pumper/Rescue will service the Guildford area out of Fire Hall No. 4.

The Finance Department has reviewed the financial and purchasing components of the contract and confirms that funding is available within the current budget.

## **CONCLUSION**

Based on the above, it is recommended that Council approve the award of a contract for the supply of one 1250 IGPM Quick Response Pumper/Rescue Unit to Safetek Emergency Vehicles Ltd. in the amount of \$628,828.48 including all applicable taxes.

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Len Garis  
Fire Chief