



## Office of the Chief MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 16, 2016

**TO:** Board of Fire Commissioners

**FROM:** Brian Gorski, Fire Chief

**RE:** **FY2018 Fire Marshal, Deputy Chief & Chief Vehicle Purchases**

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**RECOMMENDED MOTION(S) OR ACTION(S):**

To approve proposed Resolution 2017-012 for the purchase of three vehicles for our Fire Marshal, Deputy Chief and Chief. The “report” contains the funding methodology for these vehicles.

**REPORT:**

In accordance with our vehicle replacement program, in FY18 it calls for the replacement of Fire Marshal Adent’s vehicle (2004 Yukon). In preparation of our FY18 budget, the funds for the replacement of Fire Marshal Adent’s vehicle were outlined and are contained within the FY18 Approved Budget. It was also determined that another vehicle was required due to the promotion of Deputy Chief Blanco. In further review of our existing staff fleet we found it would be financially sound to replace Chief Gorski’s vehicle at this time due to mileage in excess of 100,000 to prevent incurring potential large repair bills and maximizing its current sellable value. It was confirmed that contained within the existing vehicle replacement fund there are sufficient reserves to purchase these additional vehicles. Monies from the sale of the surplus vehicles (2004 Yukon & 2007 Yukon) will be placed back into the vehicle replacement fund for future purchases.

Discussions with the Fire Marshal, Deputy Chief and Chief have determined the most versatile vehicle for these job functions would be a mid-sized SUV. The vehicle selected was the Ford Explorer XLT 2WD, specification # K7D. This vehicle provides the most versatility for the Fire Marshal, Deputy Chief and Chief positions, as well as any additional needs of the District. Based on this, the District was able to piggyback on to the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) Cooperative Bid for Fire/Rescue Support Vehicles, bid # 2018-120716. The District will purchase these vehicles utilizing the funds that were approved in the FY18 budget “Reserve-Vehicle Replacement”.

The Ford Explorer is the most versatile vehicle for our Fire Marshal, Deputy Chief, and Chief, which will allow them to safely carry out their job duties as well as the necessary space to transport equipment and supplies to our Stations or to public events. This vehicle also offers the best in safety features to protect our employees while performing their duties.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2017 – 012**

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**MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**FY2017 – 2018  
DEPUTY CHIEF, FIRE MARSHAL & CHIEF VEHICLE PURCHASE  
FOR THE SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

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**ADOPTED: November 16, 2017**

## RESOLUTION 2017 – 012

### A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR THE PURCHASE OF DEPUTY CHIEF, FIRE MARSHAL AND CHIEF VEHICLES FOR THE SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District (“District”) is a tax supported special purpose district authorized under the provisions of Chapter 189 and 191, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 2000-402, Laws of Florida to levy ad valorem taxes, special assessments and impact fees; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the District’s Vehicle Purchase/Replacement Program, the District desires to purchase three (3) new vehicles, one each for the Deputy Chief, Fire Marshal, and Chief, to replace two (2) existing vehicles (2004 Yukon & 2007 Yukon), one of which was necessitated due to the promotion of the Deputy Chief of Operations position, while the other two (2) vehicles (Chief and Fire Marshal) are being replaced due to wear/tear and mileage in excess of 100,000; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Florida Statutes 189.053, the District piggybacked on to the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) Cooperative Bid for Fire/Rescue Vehicles, Bid #2018-120716, and selected the Ford Explorer XLT 2WD, bid specification #K7D, made by Ford Motors (hereinafter “Explorer”); and

**WHEREAS**, the District will purchase three (3) Explorer vehicles utilizing funds approved in the FY18 budget, funds that were obtained from the sale of surplus vehicles, and/or existing monies within the District’s “Reserve-Vehicle Replacement account;” and

**WHEREAS**, these Explorer vehicles provide more versatility and enhanced safety features compared to the existing Yukon vehicles that presently serve the population within the District; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Fire Commissioners, acting as the governing body of the Southern Manatee Fire Rescue District of Manatee County, Florida, in a public meeting, that:

1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein fully.
2. The purchase of three (3) Explorer vehicles is hereby approved at a total purchase cost of one-hundred three thousand, three-hundred thirty-two dollars (\$103,332.00), and shall be funded through the approved FY18 budget, along with monies contained within the existing “Reserve-Vehicle Replacement” account.
3. This Resolution shall take effect November 16, 2017.

**DULY ADOPTED** at a public meeting this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

**SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

ATTEST:

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Melanie A. Marken  
Secretary

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Charles A. Durant, Chair

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Dan Center, Vice Chair

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Anthony C. Evans, Treasurer

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Jim Cena, Commissioner