

12/22/14

To: Town of Paxton Capital Improvement Committee

From: Chief Jay J Conte, Paxton Fire Department

Re: Replacement of Ambulance 1, 1999 Ford E450 Ambulance

Honorable Committee,

The Fire Department is in serious need of updating the Emergency Medical Services fleet of Ambulances. The 1999 Ford/Road Rescue E450 which was purchased almost eight years ago from the Littleton Fire Department is going to be 16 Years old this coming year, it has out lasted its projected lifespan of ten years. Without replacement with a new ambulance the Paxton Fire Department and the Town of Paxton could suffer a huge set back in the delivery of Advanced Life Support Care to its residents. Right now the Fire Department is able to respond to calls in Paxton and have necessary and appropriate care to the affected patient(s) within a five minute average anywhere in town. Without a reliable ambulance we would not be able to accomplish this, delaying necessary lifesaving treatments.

Furthermore our newer 2008 Ford ambulance has had several problems with reliable Air Conditioning which is a requirement for passing inspection on all Ambulances; this issue has kept the newer ambulance out of service for several weeks each year since it was purchased in 2009. This vehicle was leased with private funds and lease will not be paid up until 2019. When this truck goes out of service, we then have to rely on the 1999 Ford E450, in of itself has its own issues due to age, issues such as a several oil leaks, injectors needed, brakes and tires, and rear door assembly needs to be replaced, compartment latches are worn out and require extensive amounts of force to open, which these parts for the doors and latches are obsolete due to the age of the Ambulance and the fact that the boxes are

specific to each manufacturer. This vehicle may not pass OEMS state inspection in June 2015 due to age. This could end up in the worst case scenario with **NO** ambulance available due to mechanical failure. Not only would this affect the most important aspect of our service - patient care, it would impact an equally important process of revenue collecting from having the ability to bill the health insurance companies of the individuals we transport. This revenue offsets the cost for the Paramedics and ALS coverage, without responding to calls this would greatly affect our revenue and not allow us to provide the services that the residents of Paxton have come to rely upon. We would then have to rely on increasing our operating budget and potentially increasing taxes; or decreases to other services.

A replacement ambulance would benefit the Town by providing a reliable service and an improvement in patient care. In addition a new ambulance would reduce expensive repairs that have been incurred over the past few years in order to pass state inspections, even with repairs there is never a guarantee that the Ambulance will pass inspection and ultimately result in throwing tax monies away.

Please help us to keep delivering patient care services to town residents by supporting our request to lease or purchase a new ambulance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Conte

Estimates for repairs to 1999 Ford to keep it in service until the inspection June 2015 by the State OEMS state inspectors will be forwarded when received from vendors. No guarantee that a sixteen year old vehicle will pass this year, as there is to their knowledge no other vehicle in service in the state of mass. this age. The inspectors had given us a break on this vehicle last year because PFD was in transition from BLS to an ALS service which began 6/30/2014.

7-1-14 Thru 12-14-14

FY15			
A-2	A-1	Station	
7/14 \$115.40 Bulbs	7/14 \$612.84 4 tires	10/15 \$14.59 belt for AC	
9/14 \$2,777.00 AC Compressor	10/14 \$278.80 Windshield Fix		
9/14 \$175.00 Diagnosis	11/14 \$35.00 Inspection		
9/14 \$102.00 AC Compressor	11/14 \$20.38 Wipers		
9/14 \$321.50 AC Compressor			
11/14 \$9.17 AC Compressor			
11/14 \$86.70 AC Compressor			
12/14 \$388.80 2 tires			
12/14 \$2,563.97 Auxillary AC			
Misc	L-1	P-1	
	7/14 \$378.46 Foam Sensor	8/14 \$183.30 Rear Spot	
	8/14 \$799.02 GOF	8/14 \$970.11 GOF	
		10/14 \$35.38 Halogen Bulb	
		10/14 \$384.00 Diamond Plate	

E-1	E-2		
8/14 \$229.25 Install Tires 8/14 \$993.78 Tires 8/14 \$134.00 TIC Battery 10/14 \$70.65 Air Toggle			
Forestry	Equipment	Tahoe	
7/14 \$2,521.23 Turbo 8/14 \$608.40 Pump	11/14 \$11.75 Antenna 12/14 \$337.50 Pager Batteries	8/14 \$1,109.63 Fuel leak @tank 11/14 \$92.97 GOF 11/14 \$322.72 Tires	
Trail Blazer	Tanker		
7/14 \$116.28 Hub Assembly 7/14 \$8.76 Spring Lever 11/14 \$7.85 Oil Filter	8/14 \$8.15 Halogen Bulb 9/14 \$100.00 Inspection 10/14 \$962.50 Hood 10/14 \$237.36 Lightbar 11/14 \$7.62 Bulbs 12/14 \$23.95 pump parts		

FY14		
A-2	A-1	Station
10/13 \$35.60 Mount Tires	8/13 \$36.96 Locks	9/13 \$658.88 Air Compressor
1/14 \$135.60 GOF	8/13 \$725.00 Lettering	10/13 \$765.60 Air Compressor Hose & Fit.
1/14 \$425.00 Lettering	9/13 \$117.03 Steering Damper	10/13 \$640.00 Radio Tower Maintenance
6/14 \$160.04 Stretcher	10/13 \$150.00 Reprog. CMED Radio	10/13 \$213.58 Snowblower Repair
6/14 \$54.00 Balance tires	11/13 \$29.00 Inspection	11/13 \$142.50 Lawn Mower Repair
6/14 \$1,196.86 Turbo	11/13 \$359.15 Spring Shackle	11/13 \$19.93 Fuse Kit
\$2,007.10	12/13 \$11.99 Wiper Blades	12/13 \$139.43 Space heater Water Tower
	5/14 \$245.51 Wiper Blades	1/14 \$62.20 Floor Machine hose
	5/14 \$9.49 Bulb	2/14 \$25.50 Snow Blower Diagnosis
	6/14 \$22.00 Lens for light bar	3/14 \$68.97 Tie Downs
	6/14 \$148.98 Stretcher Maintenance	4/14 \$20.24 Air Compressor Belt
	6/14 \$258.39 Stair Chair Maintenance	5/14 \$1,500.00 Septic Pump
	6/14 \$8.96 Bracket	5/14 \$7.20 Floor Machine
	6/14 \$20.00 Narc Log	6/14 \$8.98 Power Outlet
	\$2,142.46	6/14 \$161.21 Locker Lock Sets
		\$4,434.22
Misc	L-1	P-1
*	8/13 \$27.92 Air Lines	10/13 \$ 139.38 Hydraulic Fluis
	8/13 \$25.34 Air Lines	10/13 \$ 195.00 Radio
	8/13 \$15.18 Air Lines	10/13 \$ 598.75 Ladder Test
	8/13 \$37.98 Air Lines	3/14 \$ 400.00 Letter Repaint
	9/13 \$229.20 T/T Radio's	6/14 \$ 138.75 LED Bulb
	10/13 \$793.68 GOF	\$ 1,471.88
	10/13 \$598.75 Ladder Test	
	11/13 \$15.00 Hood Light	
	3/14 \$300.00 Repaint Letter	
	3/14 \$785.00 Stripping	
	4/14 \$29.00 Inspection	
	4/14 \$215.00 Decals	
	\$3,072.05	
E-1	E-2	R1
8/13 \$229.20 T/T Radios	8/13 \$225.20 T/T Radios	10/13 \$ 90.00 Inspection
10/13 \$598.75 Test Ladders	10/13 \$598.75 Test Ladders	
10/13 \$854.61 GOF	10/13 \$90.00 Inspection	
2/14 \$52.85 Heater	2/14 \$400.00 Gold Leaf	
3/14 \$475.00 Lettering Repaint	3/14 \$200.00 Lettering	
4/14 \$802.00 Reflective Stripes	4/14 \$1,285.00 Mobile Radio	
4/14 \$90.00 Decals	4/14 \$519.00 Radio Inst.	
5/14 \$56.00 Engine Valve	4/14 \$67.00 MHQ rud	
\$3,158.41	4/14 \$448.00 Jaw Reels	
	6/14 \$90.00 Inspection	
	\$3,922.95	

Forestry 10/13 \$ 90.00 Inspection 5/14 \$ 407.12 Batteries \$ 497.12	Equipment 10/13 \$974.00 Radios 10/13 \$320.00 Portables 10/13 \$2,107.00 Radios 1/14 \$1,098.40 Pager Batteries 1/14 \$70.00 Pager Batteries \$4,569.40	Tahoe 8/13 \$ 53.48 10/13 \$ 622.00 11/13 \$ 322.22 12/13 \$ 232.94 12/13 \$ 18.00 3/14 \$ 117.83 5/14 \$ 51.32 6/14 \$ 152.95 \$ 1,570.74
Trail Blazer 10/13 \$ 173.00 Tires 1/14 \$ 56.72 GOF 6/14 \$ 29.00 Inspection \$ 258.72	Tanker 7/13 \$123.25 Pump Repair 10/13 \$90.00 Insp 1/14 \$745.00 Portable Radio \$958.25	

Town of Paxton
FORM C
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS REQUEST for EQUIPMENT PURCHASE or MAJOR
RENTAL

Department and Activity: <u>Paxton Fire Department</u>		Date Prepared: <u>12-14-2014</u>																
Contact Person: <u>Jay Conte</u>		Phone Number: <u>508-981-3400</u>																
1. Project Title & Reference Number: <u>Ambulance</u>	4. Cost:																	
2. Form of Acquisition (check appropriate): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Purchase <input type="checkbox"/> Rental	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;"></td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">Per Unit</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">Total</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Purchase or annual rental</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ <u>210,000.00</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Plus: Installation or other costs</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ <u>N/A</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ <u>N/A</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less: Trade in or other discount</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Net purchase cost or annual rental</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$</td> </tr> </table>				Per Unit	Total	Purchase or annual rental	\$ <u>210,000.00</u>	\$	Plus: Installation or other costs	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	Less: Trade in or other discount	\$	\$	Net purchase cost or annual rental	\$	\$
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Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>		Name: <u>Jay Conte</u>																
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Paxton Fire Department Short Term and Long Range Capital Plan

Description	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Short Term Capital Plan												
Public Safety Complex Plans												
Replace/Repair/Build Bathroom												
Replace/Repair Heating System												
Replace/Build Dispatch Center												
Install Ventilation System												
Structural Supports												
Fire Department Offices												
Long Range Capital Plan												
Public Safety Complex												
Replace Forestry Truck											125,000	
Engine 1 25 year Replacement									600,000			
Rescue 1 traded (Gone)		Traded on										
FEMA GRANT Replace Engine 2	450,000											
SCBA 10 year Replacement												400,000
Replace 1987 Tanker Truck						350,000						
Ladder 1 25 Year Replacement												1,200,000
A-1 99 Ford New Ambulance			210,000									
Forestry Truck 10 Year Refurbishment				25,000								
Replace Engine 1											530,000	
Replace Platform 1								1,100,000				
Replace Command Car					45,000							
A-2 2008 Ford Replace Ambulance							225,000	HH Fund				
Totals	450,000	0	210,000	25,000	45,000	350,000	225,000	1,100,000	600,000	0	655,000	1,600,000