



**TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: May 5, 2026**

**DATE:** April 13, 2026  
**TO:** Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners  
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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve the purchase of sixty-two (62) Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and associated equipment in the amount of \$560,220.22 from MES, located at 12 Turnberry Lane, Sandy Hook, Connecticut 06482 (All Commission Districts). FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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**SUMMARY**

Recommendation to approve the purchase of sixty-two (62) Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and associated equipment in the amount of \$560,220.22 from MES, located at 12 Turnberry Lane, Sandy Hook, Connecticut 06482. This purchase is exempt from competitive bidding requirements under NRS 332.115 (3).

**PREVIOUS ACTION**

December 16, 2025, the Board of Fire Commissioners accepted a grant from The William N. Pennington Foundation in the amount of \$3,213,727 with a grant match component of \$1,377,311 for the Priority Needs Capital Equipment and Apparatus project that included the purchase of three new Type I fire engines and corresponding loose equipment, mobile data computers (MDCs) and parts for district wide mobile computer upgrades, VHF portable and mobile radios replacement, and self-contained breathing apparatus (“SCBA”) upgrades and replacements.

**BACKGROUND**

*Statutory Authority:* NRS 474.470 authorizes the acquisition of personal property necessary for the purposes of the District. NRS 332.115(3) exempts from the competitive bidding process the purchase of personal safety equipment for use by a response agency in responding to emergencies when the cost of the personal safety equipment is comparable to the cost of similar personal safety equipment that is available for purchase.

*Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) is Necessary Equipment:* This purchase request is for sixty-two (62) units and associated parts and equipment, which are all essential safety equipment necessary for the continuity of the District's operations. This purchase will continue the planned upgrading of our fleet with the latest National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) compliant SCBAs and allows for a dedicated allotment of modern units for the training of our newest firefighters. New hire academies currently use older model SCBAs for training which creates inconsistency and a safety hazard for the firefighter when transitioning into full-time suppression operations. During their initial few months after the academy, firefighters are re-trained on the more modern frontline equipment. Having this equipment available during initial training will increase our training efficiency. These items are exempt from the competitive bidding process because they are personal safety equipment used to respond to emergencies.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The Fiscal Year 2025-2026 capital projects fund budget includes funding for the purchase of these SCBA Cylinders and associated equipment through the Pennington Grant Award.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of the purchase of sixty-two (62) Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and associated equipment in the amount of \$560,220.22 from MES, located at 12 Turnberry Lane, Sandy Hook, Connecticut 06482.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with the staff's recommendation a possible motion would be:

*"I move to approve the purchase of sixty-two (62) Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and associated equipment in the amount of \$560,220.22 from MES."*