



TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date: October 7, 2025

DATE: September 17, 2025

TO: Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve a purchase order to the Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, Inc., 1362 E. Richie Ave, Houston, TX 77073, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the repair of a 2019 Pierce Quantum Type I Pumper (FD0117) in accordance with NRS 332.115(c). (All Commission Districts.) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

SUMMARY

This item is a recommendation to approve a purchase order to the Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, Inc.(SMEG), 1362 E. Richie Ave, Houston, TX 77073, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the repair of a 2019 Pierce Quantum Type I Pumper (FD0117) in accordance with NRS 332.115(c).

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

BACKGROUND

On February 7, 2025, Engine Company 32 (FD0117) was parked on scene of a motor vehicle crash on the I-580 Freeway when it was struck by another vehicle. After mitigating all activities with the second collision, FD0117 was immediately removed from service by Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) staff and Engine Company 32 was assigned to a reserve fire apparatus to continue serving the community of Washoe Valley.

FD0117 was evaluated at TMFPD Headquarters by representatives from the TMFPD Fleet Division, SMEG, and VFIS Insurance Group (VFIS). Due to the extensive damage created by the second vehicle collision, it was determined that no local repair facilities were capable of performing the work, and all parties agreed that FD0117 should be transported to the SMEG collision repair facility in Killeen, TX. This facility specializes and is certified to repair fire apparatus built by Pierce Manufacturing, Inc.

As the examination of FD0117 continued, VFIS and SMEG representatives initially identified the need to perform \$90,498.09 worth of repairs to return the fire apparatus to working condition. Further examination beyond the “plain sight” inspection revealed even more underlying damage resulting in an additional amount of \$123,670.26 of necessary repairs. To date the estimated total cost to return FD0117 to front-line service is \$214,168.35, all of which (-\$1,000 deductible) has already been reimbursed to the District’s budget by VFIS.

Staff is requesting for the approval of a purchase order not to exceed \$250,000. Based on prior experience with vehicle repairs, and this particular project, in the event another repair cost is discovered, and as long as it is reimbursed by VFIS, staff could approve the additional repairs and subsequent payment without having to return for additional BOFC approval. NRS 332.115(c) exempts from competitive bidding requirements: “[Contracts not adapted to award by a competitive solicitation... including repairs and maintenance of equipment which may be more efficiently... repaired or maintained by a certain person]”. Although located in Killeen, TX, the SMEG repair facility is the most efficient provider for repairing this apparatus. Their organization works directly with Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. as a sales dealership and a certified service center. The SMEG service facility near Reno, NV does not have the facilities to conduct major extensive repairs of this nature. Other local body shops, many of which have been used by staff to repair collision damage of fire apparatus in the past, were not qualified enough to complete such an extensive repair without Pierce Manufacturing approval. FD0117 is already undergoing the repair process, essentially a rebuild from the frame up, and is forecasted to be back on the road serving our communities by the end of the year. Approving this item would allow staff to process payment once the repair is complete.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total cost of repair, less the \$1,000 deductible, will be reimbursed by insurance. The net cost of \$1,000 is within the District’s current General Fund Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board approve a purchase order to the Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, Inc., 1362 E. Richie Ave, Houston, TX 77073 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the repair of a 2019 Pierce Quantum Type I Pumper (FD0117) in accordance with NRS 332.115(c).

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with the staff’s recommendation, a possible motion could be:

“I move to approve a purchase order to the Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, Inc., 1362 E. Richie Ave, Houston, TX 77073 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the repair of a 2019 Pierce Quantum Type I Pumper (FD0117) in accordance with NRS 332.115(c).”