



## CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

Date: February 15, 2008

TO: Phillip L. Nelson, City Manager  
FROM: William S. Nelson, Fire Chief  
SUBJECT: Donation of Obsolete Self Contained Breathing Apparatus

### Background:

- In 2007 the fire department received a United States Fire Administration grant to replace the department self contained breathing apparatus that had been in service for over 12 years.
- The replacement program has resulted in approximately 50 obsolete SCBA, face pieces, and air cylinders that the fire department would to dispose of by donating to the Oakland Fire Training Institute (OFTI).
- The SCBA units do not meet the current standards and would require considerable updating to be acceptable for firefighting use.
- The SCBA are suitable for use in training new firefighters.
- The cylinders have a finite service life of 15 years from date of manufacture and have less than 3 years left per DOT regulations.
- The fire department has changed to a higher capacity air cylinder which provides longer duration for firefighters working in SCBA.
- The fire department has had a cooperative arrangement with the Oakland Fire Training Institute which is the fire training arm of Oakland Community College for the past 12 years.
- Troy firefighters attend the OFTI basic fire academy night program at no cost to the City of Troy since approximately 50% of the classes are held at the Troy Training Center.
- Tuition for the OFTI fire academy is \$2,500 per student and Troy has between 5 and 10 student in each academy session.

### Financial Considerations:

- The equipment proposed for donation has little to no value due to being obsolete and near the end of it allowable service life.

Policy Considerations:

- This donation addresses City Council goal number II: Minimize the cost and increase the efficiency and effectiveness of city government.

Options:

- Donate the obsolete equipment to the Oakland Fire Training Institute.