



June 18, 2007

To: A.J. Johnson, City Administrator

From: Chief Dalbey

Subject: Approval of specifications for a new breathing air compressor

The Fire Department has an opportunity to receive grant funding through Carver Charitable Trust for some medical equipment. This is for four (4) Capnocheck hand-held capnograph/oximeters. These are crucial pieces of equipment needed for our Critical Care Paramedic program, and also for our Paramedic Specialists doing Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI). Soon we will begin using Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP), and this is necessary for those devices. Capnography indicates how much CO<sub>2</sub> is being eliminated from the lungs by measuring the level of exhaled CO<sub>2</sub>. It is also used as a patient safety device that provides fast and reliable indication of proper placement of the endotracheal tube when using a ventilation device on critical patients during Critical Care Transports.

I would appreciate it if you would add this request to the agenda for grant funding of these devices, totaling \$8,462.05 for which there is no City match required. Thank you.