



# MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Members of the Finance Committee

**From:** Rich Olson, City Manager  
Chris Carver, Interim Fire Chief

**Date:** August 21, 2019

**Re:** Consideration – Authorize Surplus of Air Packs to Elizabeth City Public School System

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***BACKGROUND:***

The SCBA's (air packs) used by the Elizabeth City Fire Department are a vital part of a firefighter's personal protective equipment. This piece of equipment is the lifeline for firefighters; it enables them to enter a burning building and have clean air to breathe. As with any mechanical device, as time passes, SCBAs experience wear and tear, at which time they are unable to be utilized in firefighting activities.

***ANALYSIS:***

The Elizabeth City Fire Department has a strong working relationship with the Elizabeth City Pasquotank Public School System. The Fire Technology program that is taught at Pasquotank County High School is a valuable resource to our Fire Department, as it trains potential future personnel for a career in the fire service. We try to support the program as much as possible by providing equipment that has reached its life expectancy for firefighting, but still has some value in a program such as this one. We currently have eight Scott SCBAs that the Fire Department is no longer using and is requesting the permission of the City Council to donate them to the program at Pasquotank County High School. As the program has grown, Pasquotank County High School has requested donation of any items that the City could provide. As these air packs cannot be used for fighting fires, they are no longer considered useful by the Fire Department; they offer no value for another department.

***STAFF RECOMMENDATION:***

By motion, recommend that the City County authorize that the eight Scott air packs,

which are currently surplus property within the Elizabeth City Fire Department, be donated to the Pasquotank County High School Fire Tech program.