



**GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Action Item Worksheet**

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item: III. C.
Subject: Purchase of Brush Trucks
Meeting Date: May 8, 2024
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Background

For many years, the District has been able to leverage a partnership between the Federal and State government loan program. The program is administered through the Florida Forestry Service. The loan program provides excess decommissioned military vehicles to be loaned to local governmental agencies. This program has seen a significant reduction in surplus vehicles in recent years. In addition, the vehicles in the District's possession have exceeded their usable life, and there is a limited availability of parts to repair and maintain.

The District's current inventory of these are:

- 1997 LMTV
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- Brush 73 1984 6X6
- Brush 73 1990 6X6
- Brush 73 1983 6X6

Staff recommends that the District begin replacing military surplus vehicles with brush trucks.

Barring any unforeseen issues, the District would take delivery of the new trucks before the 2025 brush season.

Funding Source/Financial Impact

The unit cost is \$325,000 (the total for the 3 units is \$975,000), and it is being funded from the FY 2024/25 General Fund Budget. Pricing is being matched against the Florida Sheriff's Cooperative bid.

Recommendation

Approve the purchase of three new brush trucks.

Potential Motion

I move to approve the purchase of three (3) custom built brush trucks to be purchased from South Florida Emergency Vehicles not to exceed \$975,000.