



# Gaston County

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## Fire Marshal

## Board Action

File #: 19-521

Commissioner Chad Brown - Fire Marshal - To Approve a Certificate of Need for Union Road VFD, Inc. to Obtain Financing (\$735,000) to Purchase a 2020 Spartan/Marion Rescue Pumper Truck

### STAFF CONTACT

Eric Hendrix - Fire Marshal - 704-866-3231

### BUDGET IMPACT

This purchase is in keeping with current policy.

### BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

This purchase is in keeping with current policy.

### BACKGROUND

At the Fire Advisory Board meeting on December 5, 2019, Chief Craig Huffstetler presented a Certificate of Need for Union Road VFD, Inc. They are planning to purchase a 2020 Spartan/Marion Rescue Pumper (2000 GPM, 1000 gallon booster tank, 10 kw generator) and full complement of extrication tools including but not limited to: cutters, spreaders, rams, struts, hydraulic pumps and hoses. This purchase will replace their 1995 International/Rescue Masters apparatus. The age and inability to pump water is cited for the replacement of this truck. This truck will be sold and the funds will be placed into their savings account to replenish funds used to purchase appliances for the new apparatus. Total estimated cost of the new truck and equipment was first quoted at \$735,000 and presently the price is quoted at \$609,000 for truck and \$100,000 for equipment. They plan to finance with Civic Federal Credit Union at a rate of 3.05%, making estimated payments to be \$87,000 or less annually for 10 years. If Union Road requests a tax increase at the 2020-2021 budget meeting in March it will be very minor. Barry Wilson made a motion to recommend to the Commissioners that they extend the Certificate of Need to Union Road VFD, Inc. David Toomey seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or opposition. The vote was unanimous (Chief Craig Huffstetler abstained from voting). The motion carried.

### POLICY IMPACT

N/A

### ATTACHMENTS

Union Road VFD, Inc.'s Certificate of Need

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

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**UNION ROAD VOLUNTEER  
FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.**

4060 UNION ROAD  
GASTONIA, N.C. 28056

To: Gaston County Fire Advisory Board/ County Commissioners

From: Union Road Volunteer Fire Department

10/29/19

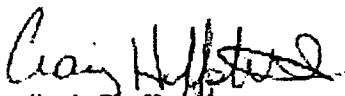
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Union Road Volunteer Fire Department is seeking the approval to purchase a new 2020 Spartan/Marion Rescue Pumper and a full compliment of TNT rescue tools. The rescue pumper will consist of a custom Spartan Metro Star Cab, 450 hp Cummins engine, 2000 Waterous pump, 1000 gallon booster tank, and a 10 kw generator. The TNT rescue equipment will consist of a hydraulic simo pump, four hydraulic and battery operated cutters, four hydraulic and battery operated spreaders, 2 hydraulic rams, struts, air bags, high lift jacks, cribbing, exothermic torch, two hose reels, portable hydraulic pump and associated accessories. All combined this purchase will be estimated at \$730,000. We are currently awaiting the final price of the truck to come back. This purchase will be financed for 10 years with an interest rate of 3.05% and the payments will be approximately \$87,000 per year. If approved a slight tax increase would be needed to cover a portion of the payment. A tax increase of less than ½ cent is expected on next years budget.

The purchase of this new apparatus will replace a 1995 International/Rescue Masters walk in rescue. This apparatus has served our department well for almost 25 years. The age of this apparatus along with the inability to pump water is the main reasons for replacement. Replacing this apparatus will increase our pumping capacity to four front line trucks with pumps of 2000 gpm. It is our current plan to purchase all hose nozzles and appliances out of our savings account and replace what we can with the sale of this apparatus.

The Union Road VFD Board of Directors unanimously approved this purchase on 10/23/19. In order to not incur a price increase on the cab and chassis a contract will need to be signed before 12/15/19.

The Union Road VFD members, officers and board of directors thank you for your time on this matter.

  
Craig Huffstetler  
Fire Chief

## CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION

### Fire Department

Name: Union Road VFD

Address: 4060 Union Road Gastonia NC 28056

Chief: Craig Huffstetler Contact Phone #: 9805221525

Board President: Larry Capps Contact Phone #: 7049147177

Fire Department Board Approval / Notification: ☒ Yes ☐ No

### General Description of Purchase:

2020 Spartan/Marion Rescue Pumper. 2000 GPM pump, 1000 gallon booster tank, 10 kw generator. Full compliment of extrication tools including but not limited to: Cutters, spreaders, rams, struts, hydraulic pumps and hoses.

### Time Line of Purchase:

Within the next 45 days

### List Specifics of Purchase:

2020 Spartan/Marion Rescue Pumper - Estimated cost - \$630,000  
TNT Rescue Equipment - Estimated cost - \$105,000

Estimated Cost: \$735,000

### Financing Information

Lender: Civic Federal Credit Union

Amount Financed : \$735,000 Rate: 3.05%

Estimated Amount : \$87,000 # of Payments: 10

Down Payment Amount: 0

Debt Ratio-Current / Post Purchase: Unknown at this time. Will have an answer at the meeting

Any Re-Financing or Bundling ☐ Yes ☒ No (If Yes, Then Describe):

## CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION

**How Will Purchase Benefit the Department (Safety/ISO/Cost Savings, etc.):**

This purchase will replace our current rescue truck. Currently our rescue truck does not have a pump or water. This purchase will increase our pumping capability along with being able to replace a 25 year old truck. It will reduce repair costs and assist in keeping our ISO rating at a 4.

**How Will Purchase be Funded (Long Term - NOT Just Current Year):**

This purchase will be financed for 10 years.

**If Purchase is NOT Approved for Funding, Describe Department Alternatives:**

Continue operations with the current apparatus until funding can be provided.

**Is this a Replacement?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

**If Yes, List Details (make, model, years of service, remaining balance, etc.).**

1995 International/Rescue Masters walk in rescue. This apparatus has been in service for almost 25 years and no balance is owed.

**What Will Become of Old Apparatus / Equipment?**

The apparatus and the hydraulic rescue equipment will be sold. The funds from this sale will go to replace the money that will be used out of savings to purchase hose, nozzles and appliances for the new apparatus.

**Has 5 Year Plan Been Submitted?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**Received By** \_\_\_\_\_

*FMO Staff*

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fire Advisory Board Meeting Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved / Not Approved**

**Gaston County BOC Meeting Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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