

AS AMENDED ON MARCH 24, 2014

ORDINANCE NO. 2280

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT OF THE FY2014 FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CITY'S ~~GENERAL FUND~~ CURRENT YEAR SURPLUS ACCOUNT TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S TURNOUT GEAR ACCOUNT.

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury Fire Department has successfully recruited more volunteer and career members during the FY14 budget year; and

WHEREAS, each new member receives the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (P.P.E.) where turnout gear is part of that protective envelop; and

WHEREAS, turnout gear is a large part of the P.P.E. cost for each member; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury Fire Department, in accordance with NFPA 1851, section 10.1.2 which directs that "Structural firefighting ensembles and ensemble elements shall be retired in accordance with section 10.2.1, no more than 10 years from the date the ensembles or ensemble elements were manufactured," must retire several items that have reached or surpassed their usable life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury Fire Department desires to remain compliant with generally accepted industry standards and protect its firefighting personnel from the elements of danger associated with interior firefighting by ensuring that their personal protective equipment is maintained at the highest standard; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury Fire Department has the need to replace twelve (12) coats and five (5) pants still being used since 2004 and twenty-six (26) coats and thirty-eight (38) pants that were purchased in 2005, all of which are either currently in need of replacement or will need to be replaced in FY15; and

WHEREAS, the cost of P.P.E./Turnout Gear replacements for FY14 will equal \$22,090.80 and will exceed the FY14's budget; ~~and~~

~~WHEREAS, the cost of P.P.E./Turnout Gear replacements for FY15 will equal \$49,272.00 and is more than the FY15 budget request.~~

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND that the City's Fiscal Year 2014 budget be and is hereby, amended as follows:

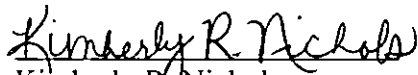
- 1) Increase the ~~General Fund~~ Current Year Surplus account #01000-469810 by \$35,000


- 2) Increase the Fire Department's Turnout Gear account #24035-534302 by \$35,000.00

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage.

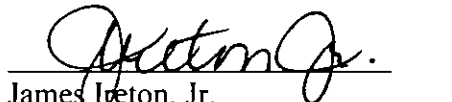
THIS ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED AND READ AT A MEETING OF THE Council of the City of Salisbury held on the 24th day of March, 2014, and after a statement of the substance of the Ordinance was published as required by law, the ordinance was finally passed by the Council on the 14th day of April, 2014.

ATTEST:


Kimberly R. Nichols
CITY CLERK


Jacob R. Day
PRESIDENT, CITY COUNCIL

APPROVED BY ME THIS 21st day of April 2014.


James Ireton, Jr.
MAYOR, CITY OF SALISBURY



*From the Office of the
Fire Chief*

Date: 10 February 2014
To: Tom Stevenson, Acting City Administrator
From: Richard A. Hoppes, Chief of the Department
Subject: Budget Amendment Item (P.P.E. purchases)

This memorandum serves as a formal request to fund a budget amendment to close a funding gap that has occurred pursuant to the intake of new volunteer and career members into the SFD. Currently there is a large funding gap that relates to the FD Turnout Gear account that does not allow the department to finish FY14. What follows is a request for a budget amendment that closes the funding gap for this fiscal year.

As you know the SFD is constantly seeking to recruit and retain volunteer members to help ensure that the department maintains an appropriate level of staffing for emergencies. As an important part of fully staffing all three of our stations, they help provide the highest level of service possible to the citizens of Salisbury. During this fiscal year the SFD has done extremely well recruiting new volunteers. To date we have processed sixteen (16) new volunteers and three (3) new career firefighters into active operational status. This is very good news, but it comes with a cost as it relates to outfitting each member with personal protective equipment (P.P.E.). Attached please find the cost breakdown for equipping each member of the department with P.P.E..

The original budget for P.P.E. in the Turnout Gear account 24035-546030 for FY14 is \$28,224.00. The actual cost from July 1, 2013 to present has totaled \$47,682.40 for the sixteen new volunteers and three new career firefighters. The City of Salisbury Fire Department has been able to outfit the new volunteers and career personnel with the use of encumbrances/POs from FY13 and the P.P.E. inventory on hand. Currently the Fire Department's Turnout Gear account has been depleted to \$3,762.30. With the cost to outfit one firefighter with just the basics, at \$2,509.60, this account cannot sustain outfitting the projected new volunteers and career personnel coming into the Fire Department or the replacement of out of dated P.P.E. for the remainder of FY14.

As you know Turnout Gear must be replaced on a regular basis due to age, wear and tear, and in accordance with NFPA standards that require Turnout Gear be replaced every ten (10) years. The Fire Department has twelve (12) coats and five (5) pants still

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being used from 2004 (now meeting the ten year threshold) and needs to replace several SCBA face pieces, helmets, fire gloves, and safety vests. The total cost for replacing these items is \$21,600.80. Looking forward the department will need to replace twenty-six (26) coats and thirty-eight (38) pants that were purchased in 2005 (again now meeting the ten year replacement threshold), for a total cost of \$47,830.00.

This request is proffered to meet the demand for equipping our personnel with P.P.E. in order to provide them with a proper protective envelop for performing their dangerous jobs. Their safety is our first and highest priority. Therefore the department respectfully requests approval of an FY14 budget amendment item in the amount of \$35,000.00 from the general fund surplus to be placed into the Fire Department's Turnout Gear account 24035-546030 to replace P.P.E. that will be out of date and taken out of service during FY14. The need for FY15 will be proposed in the department's FY15 budget requests.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration on this request. I look forward to working with you to complete this most important business and ask that you contact me if you have need for further information a 410-548-3120 X 103 or at rhoppes@ci.salisbury.md.us.

cc: File

P.P.E./ Turnout Gear Costs

Turnout Coat	\$ 910.00
Turnout Pants	\$ 674.00
Helmet	\$ 219.00
Boots	\$ 315.00
Hood	\$ 19.95
Vest	\$ 50.75
Fire Gloves	\$ 60.95
Rescue Gloves	\$ 30.95
Safety Glasses	\$ 4.00
Face Piece	\$ 225.00
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Total	\$ 2509.60 / firefighter