

Supplementary Budget – Briefing Note

2018 Budget

One page brief per request

Briefing Note required for:**-items >\$50,000****-changes in FTE**

Dept	Division	Business Unit	Item	Base Supp	Amount	FTE Impact
CD	FES	14021	Dive Team Maintenance	S	44,000	

Background:

-Briefly provide why this is a request
(eg. Based on 3 year history)

The Dive Team operates under the regulating bylaw as a specialist team. The team currently has fourteen members and due to retirement a number of new divers are being recruited and trained. The existing risk-critical equipment is coming to its end of life (such as dry suits, masks, regulators) and needs to be replaced in the next year. In addition, budget is being sought to purchase a sonar system to assist in the location of people underwater. This would reduce the risk to divers carrying out hand searching in black water and allow for quicker location of missing persons.

Comment:

- provide any further details if required, impact to user fees, etc
(eg. Gross expenses, any revenues, subsidies, etc.)

Dive Team have been deployed seven times in the last year and have engaged in the search and recovery of a number of missing persons, sometimes searching in cold water for a number of days. Without some investment in new equipment, safety gear and training the team will not be able to operate safely.

6 replacement viking dry suits 6 x \$5000

Public safety Dive course: \$5000

Sonar person locator: \$7500

The rest was for ancillary equipment, service and training