

Supplementary Budget – Briefing Note

2020 Budget

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Briefing Note required for:

-items >\$50,000

-changes in FTE

| Dept | Division | Business Unit | Item | Base Supp | Amount | FTE Impact |
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| CD | FES | 14021 | Purchase of replacement and spare personal protective equipment (PPE) | S | \$220,000 | 0 |

Background:

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1851 Publication, a standard on Selection, Care and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting, has led to an increased awareness among firefighters and fire departments for the need to have spare turnout gear and to launder it regularly. We continue to learn more about the hazards of the toxic contaminants from structural firefighting that contaminates turnout gear and the connection to a variety of cancers. Clean and decontaminated personal protective clothing is a firefighter health and safety issue.

Chatham-Kent Fire & Emergency Services (CKFES) is recommending the purchase of replacement and spare sets of turnout gear for all full-time personnel (66 sets), and 10 spare sets of turnout gear for each of the 16 volunteer fire stations, including Wallaceburg (165 sets) for a total of 231 sets of gear to be funded over a two-year period.

This budget brief outlines the 1st year funding.

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