

## Supplementary Budget – Briefing Note

## 2021 Budget

## Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

**Briefing Note required for:**

- items +/- \$50,000 or more
- changes in FTE
- Council Priority requests

Dept.	Division	Business Unit	Item	Base Supp	Amount	FTE Impact
FES	FES	Volunteers – Gen & Admin	Purchase of replacement and spare personal protective equipment (PPE), year 2 of 2	S	\$237,480	
FES	FES	Volunteers – Gen & Admin	Fund from Strategic Development Reserve – 17266	S	(\$237,480)	
			<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$0</b>	

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> year funding.

**Comment:**

