

December 10, 2011

**TO** : **William T. Lichter, Village Manager**

**FROM** : **George E. Seagraves, Fire Chief**

**RE** : **DISPOSAL OF OLD SCBA EQUIPMENT**

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On April 19, 2004, the Village Board of Trustees approved the purchase of new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the Fire Department and subsequently approved the replacement of the air packs utilized by the Public Works Department. The SCBAs currently worn by the fire department have no value to us and need to be disposed of.

During our negotiation of the purchase of the new units no vendor would give any consideration for the trade-in of our units. Our SCBA vendor did find a company that made a verbal offer of \$2,000 for all SCBA equipment, spare cylinders and spare parts.

Additionally, we contacted the manufacturer of our old equipment and were informed they had no interest. We then contacted the fire departments known to use the same SCBA equipment and again found no interest.

Based upon this I recommend a two-phase approach to dispose of the old SCBA following the Board of Trustees' action in declaring the old Interspiro Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus surplus.

Phase One

Allow the fire department to list the equipment on the Illinois State Fire Marshal's Fire Equipment Exchange Program for a period of two months and no more than three months. Any department or recognized agency requesting any or all of the air packs would be given the air packs.

Phase Two

If after the three-month period of time any air packs would then be sold to the used equipment vendor for whatever amount is obtainable for the equipment remaining. Any equipment remaining would be made safe for disposal and then discarded.

Although \$2,000 is not a miniscule amount of money there may be departments in Illinois who could benefit from this donation. Although our air packs are old and behind the technology curve, they are still usable with approximately 2.5 years left on the cylinder life expectancy.

GES:lh

- c. *Michael Torrence, Battalion Chief*  
*Michael Kalina, Battalion Chief*  
*Charles Ralis, Battalion Chief*  
*Randy Deicke, Fire Lieutenant*