



## Fire Department

**DATE:** January 23, 2024

**FROM:** Joel Boespflug, Fire Chief

**ITEM:** Purchase of Rapid Intervention Packs

**REQUEST:**

Allow the Fire Department to purchase Rapid Intervention Packs from Grand Forks Fire and Equipment.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Our current Rapid Intervention packs are at the end of life, and we are having difficulty getting parts. These are critical safety equipment needed if a firefighter gets trapped or runs out of air in a fire. This request was approved in the 2024 budget. Grand Forks Fire and Equipment is the only authorized MSA dealer in the state of ND. The RIT packs need to be compatible with our current Air Packs, (MSA). In order for us to utilize a different brand we would need to do a full department overhaul or replacement of current Air Pack inventory. These RIT packs are just a piece of our entire system.

**RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION:**

Allow the Fire Department to purchase Rapid Intervention packs from Grand Forks Fire and Equipment.

**STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Brooks Martin, Deputy Fire Chief, 701-355-1865, [bmartin@bismarcknd.gov](mailto:bmartin@bismarcknd.gov)

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. RIT Grand Forks Fire and Equipment



February 28, 2022

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Cranberry Township, PA 16066  
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[www.MSAnet.com](http://www.MSAnet.com)

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter confirms that Grand Forks Fire Equipment Co is the sole authorized distributor of MSA SCBA, Thermal Imaging Cameras, SCBA accessories, and TIC accessories for the Municipal Fire Service Market for the State of North Dakota. In addition, Grand Forks Fire Equipment Co is the only CARE certified MSA SCBA Repair Center for the Municipal Fire Service Market for the State of North Dakota.

By way of background, in the fire service / first responder markets, MSA imposes specific requirements upon our distributors, which can result in a small number of distributors authorized to call upon a particular region. We impose these requirements because the equipment we manufacture and sell requires the involvement of partners with special knowledge, training and experience. Accordingly MSA's distributors are obligated to acquire and maintain extensive knowledge, training, and experience necessary to properly educate, assist and service our end user customers before, during and after the sale. MSA's fire service / first responder distributor qualification requirements are likewise intended to ensure the highest possible end user customer experience.

If you desire additional information about MSA, its product lines, or channel partners, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your interest in our products.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott McGuire". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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# Estimate

Date	Estimate #
1/3/2024	4259

Name / Address
BISMARCK FIRE DEPT 1020 EAST CENTRAL BISMARCK, ND 58501

Description	Qty	Rep	Project
		SEA	
		Cost	Total
G1 RIT System 2018 Ed, 10206313	3	5,386.87	16,160.61
<b>Total</b>			\$16,160.61

Customer Signature \_\_\_\_\_