

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
PENNINGTON BOROUGH DISTRICT NO. 1
PO Box 387
Pennington, NJ 08534**

RESOLUTION # 2019-47

PURCHASE – Turn-out Gear Dryer

Whereas, an unavoidable result of fire-fighting and providing other emergency services is exposure to potentially harmful toxins and carcinogens, which expose firefighters to a higher risk than other workers of developing certain types of cancer and other illnesses; and

Whereas, research supports that the sooner and more often gear is cleaned to remove both visible contaminants, like soot and blood, and invisible chemicals and compounds, like benzene, the sooner the risk of exposure to potentially harmful toxins and carcinogens is reduced; and

Whereas, the gear dryer in the firehouse has an unsuitably small load capacity and requires an inordinately long drying time which hinders and often prevents emergency responders from cleaning their gear as often as is advisable; and

Whereas, the safety and well-being of the emergency responders is of paramount importance and one way it can be improved is through the provision of equipment that expedites the cleansing of firefighter gear after exposure to potentially harmful contaminants; and

Whereas, research into competitive quotes for the purchase of a large capacity gear dryer indicate that the equipment cost will not exceed \$17,500.00; and

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are sufficient unencumbered funds in the fire district's 2019 budget to pay for this equipment.

Now, therefore be it resolved by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Pennington Borough Fire District No. 1 that authorization is given for the purchase of a large capacity (4 sets of gear) dryer, pursuant to lowest responsible competitive quote to be obtained at a cost not to exceed \$13,000.00, chargeable to the Firefighter Equipment appropriation in the 2019 budget.

December 17, 2019

Roll Call Vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Chairperson Blackwell	X			
Commissioner Blauth	X			
Commissioner DiFalco	X			
Commissioner Hofacker	X			
Commissioner Meytrott	X			

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING HELD ON December 17, 2019.

s/ Wayne Blauth
Secretary