

Resolution No.: 15-1504  
Introduced: May 25, 2006  
Adopted: June 20, 2006

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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By: County Council

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**SUBJECT:** Special Appropriation #39-E06-CFTD-25 to the FY06 Capital Budget and Amendment to the FY05-10 Capital Improvements Program  
Montgomery County Government  
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service  
Fire Apparatus Replacement (No. 450600), \$800,000

**Background**

1. Section 308 of the County Charter provides that a special appropriation: (a) may be made at any time after public notice by news release; (b) must state that the special appropriation is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency or to act without delay in the public interest; (c) must specify the revenues necessary to finance it; and (d) must be approved by no fewer than six members of the Council.
2. Section 302 of the County Charter provides that the Council may amend an approved capital improvements program at any time by an affirmative vote of no fewer than 6 members of the Council.
3. On May 2, 2006, the Council adopted Resolution 15-1431, approving a supplemental appropriation to the FY06 Capital Budget and amendment to the FY05-10 CIP of \$30,750,000 for a Fire Apparatus Replacement project to buy 71 new fire and rescue vehicles, including 8 new aerial ladder trucks.
4. After that date, it was brought to the Council's attention that the Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department (SSVFD) wishes to buy a new aerial ladder truck to be housed at the new Silver Spring Station 1 on Georgia Avenue. The SSVFD would use \$800,000 of its own funds (proceeds from the sale of the former Station 1) to buy the vehicle.
5. During the fall of 2006, the County will begin to renovate Takoma Park Station 2. During the renovation, the aerial ladder truck from Station 2 will be transferred to Silver Spring Station 1. When the renovation is completed, the Fire Chief will conduct a Countywide ladder truck deployment study, and consider returning the aerial ladder truck to Station 2. The SSVFD wishes to buy the new Silver Spring ladder truck to be available when the Station 2 ladder truck is redeployed.

6. In order to take advantage of economies of scale and to assure that standardized apparatus is ordered, the Council agrees that the additional ladder truck for Station 1 should be bought under the Fire Apparatus Replacement CIP project, with a contribution from the SSVFD as the ultimate source of funds.
7. Because of the limited time to order the truck, details of the arrangements for the SSVFD to pay for and assume ownership of the truck have not been fully developed and must be finalized through a memorandum of understanding between the County and the SSVFD before the ladder truck is delivered.
8. Notice of a public hearing was given and a public hearing was held on June 20, 2006.

### Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following action:

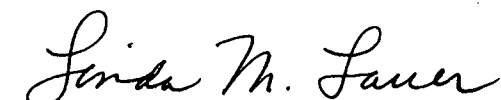
The FY05-10 Capital Improvements Program of the Montgomery County Government is amended as reflected on the attached project description form and a special appropriation to the FY06 Capital Budget is approved as follows:

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Cost Element</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
Fire Apparatus Replacement	450600	Other	\$800,000	Contribution

Details of the arrangements for the SSVFD to pay for and assume ownership of the ladder truck must be agreed to in a memorandum of understanding between the County and the SSVFD before the ladder truck is delivered. If the SSVFD does not pay for the ladder truck, the County must own the truck and the Fire Chief may assign it to service based on an analysis of Countywide needs.

Approval of the SSVFD purchase of the new ladder truck for Station 1 does not commit the County to provide staff for the ladder truck. Any future determination about staff must consider the volunteer staffing available, MCFRS priorities and other staff needs, and the overall budgetary needs of the County.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

## Fire Apparatus Replacement -- No. 450600

Category  
Agency  
Planning Area  
Relocation Impact

Public Safety  
Fire/Rescue Service  
Countywide  
None

Date Last Modified  
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Required Adequate Public Facility

June 16, 2006  
NONE  
NO

### EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY04	Remain. FY04	Total 6 Years	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	31,550	0	0	31,550	0	1,400	30,150	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,550</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31,550</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>30,150</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

Short-Term Financing	30,750	0	0	30,750	0	600	30,150	0	0	0	0
Contributions	800	0	0	800	0	800	0	0	0	0	0

### ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000)

**DESCRIPTION**

This project provides for the acquisition of replacement fire apparatus including 36 pumpers, 8 aerial ladder trucks, 15 emergency medical service (EMS) units, 7 brush trucks/mini-pumpers, 3 rescue squad vehicles, and 2 hazardous materials units. The acquisition of the replacement fire apparatus is an integral component of the implementation of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service Fire and Rescue Apparatus Management Plan submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer to the County Council on April 7, 2004.

In addition to the vehicles listed above, this project also provides for the purchase of one aerial ladder truck to be funded by a contribution from the Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department (SSVFD) and housed at the new Station 1.

**JUSTIFICATION**

The 2003 edition of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1901, Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus, recommends adoption of an apparatus replacement schedule based upon the standard of twelve years of life. The apparatus replacement schedule outlined in the Apparatus Management Plan dated April 7, 2004 reflects the NFPA recommendation. In addition, replacement of emergency medical service (EMS) units is based on call load; generally, front-line EMS units are replaced between five and seven years depending upon call load and accumulated mileage.

**Plans and Studies**

"Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service Apparatus Management Plan," dated April 7, 2004.

**Cost Change**

Due to the addition of a ladder truck for the SSVFD.

**OTHER**

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Approval of the SSVFD purchase of the new ladder truck for Station 1 does not commit the County to provide staff for the ladder truck. Any future determination about staff must consider the volunteer staffing available, MCFRS priorities and other staff needs, and the overall budgetary needs of the County.

**FISCAL NOTE**

Alternative funding options for future replacement apparatus were explored and it was determined that the County would issue Certificates of Participation as the funding mechanism to finance the apparatus replacements. The funding source for the Silver Spring ladder truck will be a contribution from the Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department.

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