

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 3.20  
(ID # 18556)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, March 22, 2022

**FROM :** FIRE DEPARTMENT:

**SUBJECT:** FIRE DEPARTMENT: Approval of Asset Authority for a powered Cot Fastener for use at the Ben Clark Training Center. District 1 [\$12,213] General Fund 20%, Structural Fire Taxes 39% and Contract Reimbursements 41%

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors approve asset authorization to the Fire Department for the purchase one (1) powered Cot Fastener.

**ACTION:**

*Bill Weiser*

Bill Weiser, Fire Department Chief

3/7/2022

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: March 22, 2022  
xc: Fire

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board

By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 11,963	\$ 250	\$ 12,213	\$ 250
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 2,393	\$ 50	\$ 2,443	\$ 50
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> General Fund 20%, Structural Fire Taxes 39% and Contract Reimbursement 41%			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> No	
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 21/23	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The Riverside County Fire Department is requesting asset authorization to purchase a powered Cot Fastener to mount into an existing department vehicle located at the Ben Clark Training Center (BCTC) for use by our EMS and Training Bureaus. The purchase will be completed directly by the Fire Department following the established County purchasing procedures via a Department Buyer. This request is only for the authorization of the asset (Cot Fastener).

The powered Cot Fastener is used to assist in the transport of patients. The cot fastener improves operator and patient safety by supporting the cot throughout the loading and unloading process. The Cot Fastener helps minimize patient drops by supporting the cot until the wheels are on the ground and eliminates the need to steer the cot into and out of the ambulance.

The Cot Fastener will provide a training unit that can be used to train Fire Department paramedics prior to their working in the field. The ambulances utilized by our contract partners and AMR have this cot fastener in use. The ability to train our personnel directly with this asset, will benefit our personnel and prevent possible damage out in the field to in-service units. It will also ensure proper use of the equipment while providing care to a patient.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

This additional asset will improve the training provided to our personnel and help in ensuring the Department has a highly trained response capability to the citizens and businesses in the County of Riverside.

**SUPPLEMENTAL:**

**Additional Fiscal Information**

This asset is budgeted in our operating expenses for FY 21/22 and is funded with general funds, structural fire taxes and contract partner revenue via our Cost Allocation Plan. The approximate cost is \$11,963, with an annual maintenance cost of \$250. Once the asset is authorized, the item will be processed by the Fire Department using the established County purchasing procedures via our Department Buyers.

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*Rebecca S Cortez*  
Rebecca S Cortez, Principal Management Analyst 3/14/2022