

Council Letter

City of Knoxville

DATE: October 3, 2016

Agenda Item: Shall the City Council discuss and approve matching the Knoxville Firefighters Association funds equaling \$4,000.00 to purchase a bunker gear washing machine.

Background: Knoxville Fire Department has discovered research that proves cancer being related to firefighting structural clothing not being laundered after a fire. The Knoxville Fire Department currently has NO means to launder structural firefighting clothing following a fire. The members of the Knoxville Fire Department has voted unanimously to purchase a gear washer by using 50% memorial funds and 50% Knoxville Firefighter Association funds, which would total \$8,000.00.

Budget Impact: This will not impact the current budget. Funding will be distributed from money raised by the Knoxville Firefighters Association and donations received and deposited in the Knoxville Fire Department Memorial Fund.

Recommendations: Fire Chief Jim Mitchell recommends the Council approve utilizing \$4,000.00 of the memorial fund to be spent on a gear washer.

Supporting Documents: N/A