

Fire Board Report

The CDH-Vergas Fire Board met on November 28 to discuss and finalize the budget for 2024.

Approved was a 10% increase. The increase in funding will be placed in the Truck Fund. Will be looking at fire truck replacement in 2025. Last payment being made on last truck purchase.

Goal is to get \$60,000.00 in the truck fund. Anticipate new truck could be \$600,000.00. Will also be moving funds not used in 2023 into the Truck Fund.

Will also be requesting City Public Safety Funds for gear replacement, totally \$6,000.00-\$7,000.00. Fire Department funds that would have typically been used to purchase the gear will be moved into the Truck Fund.

Of note, LifeVac a rescue device for choking has been purchased by Fire & Rescue and will be placed in each of the restaurants for choking response. There have been rescue calls for choking. Not everyone is knowledgeable in performing the heimlich maneuver and LifeVac will provide a ready option. Restaurants will be trained in use.

Council Action:

Approval of the 10% increase in fire & rescue funding for 2024.

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