RESOLUTION NO. 7568

A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmember John Alcala relating to the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units for the Topeka Fire Department.

WHEREAS, providing for the safety of its firefighters while performing their firefighting duties is a number one priority for the City of Topeka and the use of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units provides an increased level of firefighter safety. The SCBA units, consisting of a mask and air supply, enable firefighters to work in heavy smoke including toxic fumes that can be produced by burning building materials, carpeting and fabrics; and

WHEREAS, The City of Topeka Fire Department is sorely behind in the recommended five-year change-out schedule of its SCBA units, which may jeopardize the safety of the firefighters, there is a critical need to begin replacing these units immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Topeka that administration is requested to prepare and distribute a request for proposals from SCBA vendors for the replacement and purchase of Topeka Fire Department SCBA units utilizing a lease purchase financing method.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council J A N 1 8 2 0 0 5

James A. McClinton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Iris E. Walker, City Clerk

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