



Measure #: 2024-024

# TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date: 10/11/2023

Submitted By: Town Manager

Telephone #: 508-699-0100

### MEASURE DESCRIPTION:

Approval of Supplemental Funding to allow every North Attleboro Firefighter the opportunity to participate in the ultrasound disease assessment Program. Total supplemental funding requested, \$18,000.

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### PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

During our budget preparation and presentation for Fiscal Year 2024 one of our goals was the health and wellness of our firefighters. Through the support of the Town Management and Town Council funding was approved in the amount of \$3500.00 to pay for 10 firefighters to have comprehensive ultrasounds done to screen for diseases and cancer which included:

- Echocardiogram (Valve Function, Heart pumping Ejection Fraction)
- Carotid Dopler
- Aortic Aneurysm
- Liver
- Spleen
- Kidney
- Bladder Ultrasound
- Pelvic (External Woman Only)
- Testicular (Men Only)

We have started our screening process with two (2) firefighters completing the exams and two (2) more scheduled to go. On September 11, 2023, our department experienced an unprecedented event which impacted our department not just physically but emotionally. The Town experienced a flash flooding event and while operating at a flooded home, Firefighter/Paramedic Rich Burns collapsed, went into cardiac arrest, and was resuscitated by North Attleboro Firefighter/Paramedics. Firefighter Rich Burns was not eligible for the ultrasounds as we were selecting firefighters based on their department seniority. This event has highlighted the importance of health and wellness of our firefighters as firefighting is an extremely dangerous profession. (See attached fact sheet).

#### Funding Sources:

FD Pickup Truck – Account #30220082 587000 – Balance in account \$15,796.74 – using \$15,796.74.

Website Overhaul – Account #30155250 530007 – Balance in account \$6,377.90 – using \$2,203.26.

### SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

**ATTACHMENTS:** See Attached for further documentation

### REFER TO SUB-COMMITTEE:

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