



MASON J. POOLER  
FIRE CHIEF



CITY of WEST ALLIS  
FIRE DEPARTMENT

September 18, 2018

### Request to Purchase

Members of the Common Council;

Please consider the fire department's request to purchase a used aerial truck for a cost, not to exceed \$75,000.00. The purchase of a used aerial truck was approved by this committee in 2017 (see attachment) as part of one approval that covered the refurbishment on two existing fire engines and the purchase of a used aerial truck, for a total amount of \$205,000.00. Once approved, we began shopping for used aerial devices but were not successful in finding one in our price range. At the completion of the 2017 budgetary year, we neglected to request to unspent money from the approval into our 2018 carryover request.

We have recently found a used aerial device that meets the need of our organization. We would like to move forward on the purchase. The truck is a 1994 Simon Duplex Chassis with a 95' Baker Aerialscope mid-mount aerial device and a Saulsbury stainless steel body. While it is older, it comes from a small department (Garden City Park Fire Department in Nassau County, NY) on the east coast with little usage over the years. Also, it is similar in design and engineering as to our newest aerial device, allowing an easier transition for emergency crews when the switch between front line and reserve apparatus.

The final price would have to be negotiated with the seller but it is currently listed for sale at \$95,000.00. However, we anticipate being able to purchase the apparatus for under \$75,000.00. This is a vast savings compared to purchasing a new aerial device at an estimated price of \$1.4 million. If this purchase is approved, we can remove the 2019 capital request for \$275,000.00 for the purchase of a used aerial truck (item #A-39 on the 2019-2023 CIP draft). The fire department can absorb this purchase by reallocating unspent salary money from our 2018 budget.



Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mason Pooler'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'P'.

Mason Pooler  
Fire Chief