Council Meeting of
June 5, 2007

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Torrance City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Fire Department - Authorize a purchase order to furnish paramedic supplies on an "as requested" basis for a period of one (1) year. Expenditure: Not to exceed $67,000.00 (Includes sales tax.)

Ref: City of Arcadia Price Agreement #PA05-002

RECOMMENDATION

The Fire Chief recommends that the City Council authorize a purchase order be issued to Bound Tree Medical, LLC in the amount not to exceed $67,000 to furnish paramedic supplies on an "as requested" basis for a period of one (1) year.

Funding

Funding is available in the Emergency Medical Services Enterprise Fund Budget for fiscal year 2007-08.

BACKGROUND/ ANALYSIS

Since the inception of the Paramedic Program in Los Angeles County, fire department paramedic units restocked their medical and pharmaceutical supplies from the various base station hospitals at no expense to the fire departments providing these services. Effective January 1, 1998, Fire Departments were no longer allowed to restock supplies from local hospitals. Since that time, the Torrance Fire Department has developed its own medical and pharmaceutical re-supply system.

This purchase order will secure the paramedic supplies needed for the provision of the Emergency Medical Services.

On May 24, 2005, the City of Arcadia solicited formal bids and subsequently awarded a contract for their annual requirement for paramedic supplies to Bound Tree Medical, LLC of Dublin, Ohio. The City of Arcadia has renewed their contract with Bound Tree Medical, LLC for a second year at the existing prices, terms and conditions and it now spans through June 30, 2008. As allowed by the City of Arcadia's contract, Bound Tree Medical, LLC extended to City of Torrance the same contract terms, prices

and discounts as Arcadia. The city will realize substantial savings in the purchase of these items by participating in the cooperative purchase. It is staff's opinion that this purchase falls under the Cooperative Purchases Exception of Torrance Municipal Code Section 22.3.15 (b):

"For the purposes of this Section, the term cooperative governmental purchase program means any combination between the City of Torrance and any other public agency or public agencies for the joint purchase of property or services."

Respectfully submitted,

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CONCUR:

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