



TO: FAHR Committee

FROM: Fire Chief Gary Lorenz

DATE: 7/27/2026

SUBJECT: Reallocation of Capital Funds

In the 2026 Fire Department Budget account 475-4010-510.74-10, a Mobile Ventilation Prop (\$100,000) and a Mobile Auto Extrication Prop (\$21,500) are identified.

Since the 2026 budget was developed, the city has acquired property for new fire department training facility, and we are currently working to identify an architect/engineering firm to develop conceptual designs and cost estimates for developing this property. Therefore, I do not believe it would be prudent to purchase these two items that may not fit into upcoming training facilities and props. Once the funds are available, the Fargo Fire Department team will follow all applicable City of Fargo purchasing policies.

I am requesting that these funds be reallocated for the following items:

- Shipping containers to be used for live burn training - approximately \$45,500
 - Includes the purchase of shipping containers and associated setup costs.
 - Due to the poor condition of the current live-burn training facility, the container assembly would provide an interim training solution until a permanent live-burn structure is constructed as part of the future training facility.
 - As the new training facility becomes operational, the Fargo Fire Department will seek opportunities to repurpose the shipping containers for other training, equipment storage, or operational needs to maximize their long-term value to the City.
- Staff vehicle – approximately \$40,000
 - This was requested in the 2027 budget but not funded.
 - Vehicle to be housed out of Fire Station 1 for administrative staff for City business, including travel to training, meetings, and other work-related activities in and outside of Fargo.
- UTV – approximately \$36,000
 - This will be a shared-use utility vehicle for multiple purposes such as grass and brush fires in hard-to-reach locations, emergency response at events such as NDSU tailgating and the street fair, and movement of personnel and equipment at the new training location.

Recommended Motion:

Move to approve the use of the budgeted \$121,500 in existing 2026 Fire Department capital funds, account 475-4010-510.74-10, originally identified for the Mobile Ventilation Prop and Mobile Auto Extrication Prop, for equipment needs that have become a higher priority during 2026, including temporary live-burn training containers and associated setup, an additional staff vehicle, and a utility terrain vehicle (UTV). All expenditures will remain within the existing approved budget and be completed in accordance with applicable City purchasing policies and procurement requirements.

Report of Action:
FAHR Meeting of July 27, 2026



- ☐ Purchase Policy
- ☐ Budget Adjustment/Reallocation
- ☐ Personnel Request
- ☒ Other Financial

Department: Fire

Net Financial Impact: \$0

Description:

See attached memo.

At this time, FAHR recommends approval of the reallocation for the temporary live-burn training shipping containers and the utility terrain vehicle (UTV). FAHR believes these items address immediate operational and training needs while remaining consistent with the Fire Department's long-term planning efforts for the future training facility.

FAHR is not recommending approval of the requested staff vehicle at this time. The Committee intends to review that request at a later date following a broader evaluation of the Fire Department's vehicle fleet and future fleet needs to ensure the request aligns with the City's overall fleet strategy and operational priorities.

Suggested Motion:

Move to approve the use of existing 2026 Fire Department capital funds, account 475-4010-510.74-10, originally budgeted for the Mobile Ventilation Prop and Mobile Auto Extrication Prop, for the purchase of temporary live-burn training shipping containers and associated setup, and a utility terrain vehicle (UTV). All expenditures shall remain within the existing approved 2026 budget.