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Chief Theus-

I am writing on behalf of Newberry Fire Department (NFD) to request your consideration in providing assistance with acquiring Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units. Currently, NFD utilizes SCOTT air packs, which are becoming older and increasingly require more maintenance and attention. Given this situation, I would like to request your support in acquiring 8 air packs and 12 bottles through liquidation or as a gift to help us during this transitional period. We want to transition to the MSA SCBA to be compatible with ACFR. This assistance would be invaluable as we await the outcome of our AFG grant application or until we can replace the packs independently.

As part of our Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), we have projected to replace the air packs in 2028. Any support you can provide in the interim would be greatly appreciated, as it would help ensure our operational readiness during emergencies and maintain our department's commitment to the safety of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. We are grateful for any assistance you can provide and look forward to hearing from you.

Michael Vogel

Fire Chief