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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Nick Sheffield  
DATE: July 20, 2021  
SUBJECT: Contract Award, Personal Protective Equipment

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#### **Background**

Annually, Dinwiddie Fire & EMS purchases approximately 20-25 sets of turnout gear to replace the outdated sets, per the requirements set forth by the National Fire Protection Association, and which is funded through their operating budget. This purchase allows firefighters to be equipped with updated, uniform turnout gear, and the Honeywell Morning Pride gear is the department's preferred choice.

#### **Contract Negotiations**

Our current turnout gear contract has expired, and there are only two suppliers of Honeywell First Responder Products in Virginia. Blue Ridge Rescue Suppliers is currently the "dealer of record" for the Honeywell products for Dinwiddie County, and thus they are the sole source that can provide the product to us. The County has used this vendor for many years and is satisfied with their products and service.

#### **Recommendation**

We recommend approval of the following resolution.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia does hereby authorize and direct the County Administrator to execute the attached contract with Blue Ridge Rescue Suppliers, Inc for personal protective equipment, with any changes, substantive or otherwise, as may be approved by the County Administrator.