

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE,  
CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING STANDARDIZATION OF MANUFACTURER,  
DISPENSING WITH COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZING THE  
PURCHASING ADMINISTRATOR TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT AND  
SUPPLIES MANUFACTURED PARATECH INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the Glendale Fire Department currently deploys Paratech airbags on all three truck companies and the USAR apparatus, which are lifting systems that have a proven reliability in diverse rescue environments, offering rapid deployment, compact storage, and high lifting capacities suited to modern urban hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, these systems can be placed into incidents involving structural collapse, vehicle entrapments, confined space rescues, and other technical scenarios where precise vertical movement of heavy loads is critical to victim access and survivability and formalizing the use of Paratech airbags as the department-wide standard ensures consistent training, interoperability across multiple agencies, and logistical uniformity during complex incidents; and

**WHEREAS**, standardizing the use of Paratech airbags reflects best practices currently observed across USAR agencies. It reinforces consistency within Regional Task Force-4, where USAR 21 serves as a Type 1 heavy apparatus. This standardization further strengthens operational cohesion within RTF-4 by promoting uniformity across the task force and enhancing overall effectiveness; and

**WHEREAS**, the next planned purchase will focus on replacing the existing Paratech high- and low-pressure air bag systems on USAR 21. In accordance with Firescope Incident Command System 162, air bag systems are a required component of the equipment cache for a Type I USAR team; and

**WHEREAS**, Paratech equipment has been the only air bag lifting system used by the department for many years. Its long-standing service record, proven reliability in diverse rescue scenarios, and strong alignment with operational needs have made it the department's trusted standard. Fire personnel have repeatedly relied on Paratech systems in high-risk incidents with consistent, successful outcomes. Although alternative vendors were considered during this process, none provided sufficient advantages or met the department's operational expectations. This reinforces confidence in the equipment's quality, safety, and effectiveness. The Fire Department without the need for comparative trials; and

**WHEREAS**, the Glendale Fire Department long-standing operational use has demonstrated the equipment's reliability, performance, and safety under demanding conditions. Standardizing Paratech ensures compatibility with existing inventory, simplifies maintenance, and improves operational readiness. The Fire Department recommends establishing this standardization for a period of ten (10) years; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Glendale Purchasing Policy promotes the standardization of commonly used items, vehicles, and equipment and this process will eliminate repetitive future approvals by the City Council for similar equipment and standardized items need to be reviewed by the Departments at least every five years and need to be approved by City Council at least every ten years.

