

Federal Grant Awarded to the Fire Department to Update Their Air-Packs

In 2019, the South Euclid Fire Department received funds from the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant to update the department's Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus' (SCBAs). Through the federal grant application process, the South Euclid Fire Department was able to purchase:

- 20 SCBA Packs
- 40 SCBA Cylinders
- 33 AV3000HT (HT=High Temp) Facemasks (One for each member of department)
- 33 Voice Amplifiers

The SCBA is the air-pack that the firefighter wears like a back pack when entering a fire or hazardous atmosphere. The SCBA provides a steady flow of fresh air for the firefighter to breathe while extinguishing fires and searching for victims in smoky conditions. Maintaining high-quality equipment is always a top priority of our department in order to provide the best services to our community.

The total price of the purchased SCBA equipment was \$148,281. There was no cost to the City of South Euclid as the majority of the cost was covered by the grant and the remaining balance was covered by Cuyahoga County. The savings attained through the grant allowed the department to outfit each SCBA mask with its own Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC). The TIC is an invaluable tool during firefighting operations that essentially allows a firefighter to see through smoke and lessen the time it takes to find fire and/or downed victims. In addition to our most recent grant, the South Euclid Fire Department prides itself in being good financial stewards of taxpayer money. Over the past six years alone, we have been awarded close to \$700,000 in grant money to support medical purchases, new power-cots, fire prevention, and staffing. Thank you for your continued support as a community.

For more information on the SCBA's we received, please click on the links below.

[SCBA masks with Thermal Imaging Cameras](#)

[Scott Air Pak Overview](#)