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**MIKE NAVARRE**  
**BOROUGH MAYOR**

### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Blaine Gilman, Assembly President  
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

**THRU:** Mike Navarre, Mayor *MN*  
Craig Chapman, Finance Director *C Chapman*

**FROM:** Valentina Sustaita, Purchasing and Contracting Director *V. Sustaita*  
Scott Walden, Director Office of Emergency Management *SW*

**DATE:** August 25, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Resolution 2016-~~048~~, A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Standardized Fire Apparatus and Ambulance Manufacturers' Brands Policy to include All Kenai Peninsula Borough Fire Service Areas (Mayor)

The assembly recently approved a policy supporting the standardization of manufacturers' brands of fire apparatus and ambulances for Central Emergency Service Area ("CESA") and Nikiski Fire Service Area ("NFSA") through ordinance 2016-17. The remaining fire service areas would like to participate in the objective to standardize their fire apparatus and ambulance vehicles when they have capital funding available. The benefits of standardization will be reduction in training and maintenance costs while increasing productivity and operational safety for department personnel.

Fire service areas outside the central borough area usually inherit older vehicles and ambulances from CESA and NFSA and would eventually like to standardize this equipment.

The cost of maintaining a standardized fleet of fire apparatus and ambulances makes financial sense in the current fiscal times. All fire departments will be able to have replacement parts that are interchangeable ensuring operational needs are met in all areas. Maintenance manuals, tools and the cost of educating and training personnel will be minimized while enhancing the safety of department personnel as they are already familiar with the same standardized apparatus and ambulances. Service areas will be able to utilize the knowledge and expedite services by having the same brand equipment.

It is expected that these purchases will be made using government cooperative purchasing organizations to obtain the best competitive pricing.