




PORTLAND FIRE & RESCUE



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REPORT TO COUNCIL

DATE: February 26, 2016
TO: City Council
FROM: Erin A. Janssens, Fire Chief 
SUBJECT: Accept Report on New Portland Fire & Rescue Duty Uniforms

I am pleased to submit for your consideration and acceptance the new Portland Fire & Rescue Duty Uniform.

Like most sworn professions, PF&R has a long standing tradition of uniforms that represent our identity, professionalism, and Esprit di corps. Our uniform is symbolic not only of the training and skills we possess, but also of the trust the public places in us. Our uniform is our pass to walk into someone's home on their worst day and they recognize us as worthy of their trust and respect. Our uniform is something we wear with pride and always protect.

Unfortunately, our current Duty uniforms do not meet the NFPA 1975 safety standards. In order to meet NFPA safety standards and to reduce uniform replacement costs, the Logistics Section in conjunction with the Uniforms Committee, recommended a Duty uniform change to NFPA-compliant Nomex uniforms.


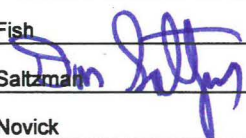
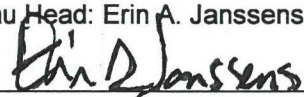
A wear test was completed and the LION StationWear™ was selected. Our new Duty uniform consists of black Nomex pants with our current blue tee-shirt/sweatshirt, and our current blue Bravo shirt will be replaced with a black Bravo shirt made of Nomex. When wearing the black Bravo shirt, members will continue to wear the blue tee-shirt underneath. 40-hour Chief Officers will continue to wear white Bravo shirts, and 40-hour Staff Officers/Inspectors will have the option of wearing either the black or white Bravo shirt, unless otherwise directed by their respective Division Chief for a specific occasion.

Logistics has begun delivery of the new uniforms and will hopefully complete this process by the end of March.

I want to thank everyone involved in this process to identify, secure, and distribute our new Uniforms, with a special thanks to Lisa Williamson. PF&R has worn Ben Davis jeans for at least 3 decades, and the current blue Bravo shirt for over 2 decades. This is an exciting and overdue improvement to firefighter safety.

Agenda No.
REPORT
Title

Accept Report on New Portland Fire & Rescue Duty Uniforms (Report)

INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Commissioner Dan Saltzman	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>MAR 08 2016</u>
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL	<p style="text-align: center;">Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: <u></u> Deputy</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN: MAR 16 2016 ACCEPTED</p>
Mayor—Finance and Administration - Hales	
Position 1/Utilities - Fritz	
Position 2/Works - Fish	
Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman <u></u>	
Position 4/Safety - Novick	
BUREAU APPROVAL	
Bureau: Portland Fire & Rescue Bureau Head: Erin A. Janssens, Fire Chief <u></u>	
Prepared by: Julie Prahl Date Prepared: 02/26/2016	
Impact Statement Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>	
City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances	
City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan	
Council Meeting Date 3/16/2016	

AGENDA
TIME CERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Start time: <u>9:45</u>
Total amount of time needed: <u>15/20 min</u> (for presentation, testimony and discussion)
CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/>
REGULAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total amount of time needed: <u>5</u> (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
	YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2. Fish	2. Fish <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman <input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Novick	4. Novick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Hales	Hales <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	