



Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: General Function Board of Education Meeting: 03/04/2026

Item Title: Minerva Medical to purchase SCBA X Action
Units from district at fair market Information
value Discussion

BACKGROUND:

Minerva Medical is expanding its support of Launch Pad Rescue Operations in coordination with ongoing SpaceX missions at Cape Canaveral. To meet operational safety and regulatory requirements, Minerva Medical has requested the opportunity to purchase the district's Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units. The SCBA units were previously used by students in the district's high school Fire Academy program, which concluded approximately three years ago. The equipment has not been in use since the program ended. SCBA units are wearable life-safety devices that provide users with breathable compressed air or oxygen in hazardous environments.

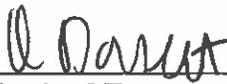
The Career and Technical Education Department recommends approval for Minerva Medical to purchase the SCBA units at fair market value. This action will allow the surplus equipment to be returned to active service in support of a critical emergency response mission while providing a financial benefit to the district.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

	Unit Price	Quantity	Total
Full Ensemble	\$1,000.00	8	\$8,000.00
Air Pack (No Cylinder)	\$500.00	4	\$2,000.00
Full Face Mask (No Cylinder)	\$250.00	4	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
			\$11,000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

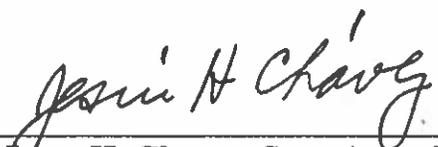
Recommend approval for Minerva Medical to purchase Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units at fair market value in the total amount of \$11,000.00.

Adrian Dorsett 
Submitted by: Principal/Program Director

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Recommended by: Asst. Supt./Exec. Dir.

Beatriz Hernandez 
Approved by: Chief Academic Officer


Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent



PURCHASE OFFER – \$11,000

Date: February 16, 2026

To: Brownsville Independent School District

Subject: Offer to Purchase 12 Used Scott SCBA AP75 (2013 Edition)

From: Dr. Lucas Brane, CEO – Minerva Medical

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Reason for Offer Adjustment: This offer reflects that the SCBA air packs have not received annual inspections for the last four (4) years and the cylinders have not undergone hydrostatic testing every five (5) years as required by NFPA 1852. These compliance gaps require inspection, testing, and potential refurbishment prior to operational use.

Respectfully,

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From: [Adrian Dorsett](#)
To: [Sandy Villanueva-Hernandez](#); [Eleazar Balli](#)
Cc: [Joseph Menard Jr.](#); [Beatriz Hernandez](#)
Subject: FW: Request Regarding District-Owned SCBA Units for Minerva Medical Launch Pad Operations
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 11:31:29 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
Importance: High

Good Morning,

Our EMT consultant is requesting the use of SCBA units currently here at he CTE Center. These 8 tanks were used for the district's fire fighter program which no longer exists.

These tanks were purchased using CTE funds with PR 369249 and PR372986 back in January and March of 2018.

The cost was 753.50 each for four tanks which totaled 3,014.00.

The additional cost for the remaining four was 735.00 each for a total of 2,9400.00.

These items are not tagged.

I need your assistance in answering if we are allowed to rent or sell these items to this individual?

I truly appreciate your guidance.

Se below for more details.

Adrian Dorsett
Career and Technical Education Director
Brownsville ISD
1905 E. 6th Street
Brownsville, Texas 78520
956-698-1137

From: Justin Oakerson <Justin.Oakerson@Minervamedicalgroup.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 8:50 AM
To: Adrian Dorsett <adorsett@bisd.us>
Cc: Lucas Brane <Lucas.Brane@Minervamedicalgroup.com>
Subject: Request Regarding District-Owned SCBA Units for Minerva Medical Launch Pad Operations

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Dear Mr. Dorsett,

I hope you are doing well. I am reaching out on behalf of Minerva Medical regarding the twelve (12) Scott Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units currently owned by the school district.

As you may know, Minerva Medical is expanding our support for Launch Pad Rescue Operations in conjunction with ongoing SpaceX missions at Cape Canaveral. To ensure our teams can operate safely and meet all regulatory standards, we are seeking access to the district's SCBA units, which have not been in use since the high school fire academy program concluded approximately three years ago.

We respectfully request approval for one of the following options:

1. **Minerva Medical to rent the 12 SCBA units from the district, with Minerva assuming responsibility for all maintenance, testing, certification, and upkeep; or**
2. **Minerva Medical to purchase the SCBA units from the district at fair market value.**

We understand that the district originally acquired the units at a 50% training discount and are happy to review any documentation needed to determine a fair and transparent valuation.

Our priority is to ensure these life-safety devices can be brought back into service for an important operational mission, while also supporting the district by either returning them fully maintained and certified or compensating fairly through purchase.

Please let me know a convenient time to discuss this further, or if you require additional information to move forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Justin Oakerson
Paramedic Supervisor



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Fair market value for SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus) units varies significantly based on age, NFPA compliance, and condition, with reconditioned, **compliant units typically ranging from \$1,000 to over \$3,500 per unit for late-model (2013-2018+ NFPA) Scott or MSA packs in Texas.** Older or non-compliant units can be found for as low as \$150-\$300. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

Key Price Factors & Trends

- **Condition and Certification:** Reconditioned units, which are tested to NFPA standards and often come with warranties, hold higher value (\$1,500–\$3,995) than "as-is" surplus.
- **NFPA Edition:** 2018 edition MSA G1 or Scott X3 packs are at the high end (\$3,000–\$5,000+), while 2007 or 2013 models are more affordable.
- **Age of Cylinders:** Carbon fiber cylinders have a maximum 15-year lifespan. A unit with 10+ years of life remaining is worth significantly more than one needing immediate cylinder replacement.
- **Components:** Complete units (harness, regulator, mask, bottle) are priced much higher than "harness only" units. [2, 4, 6, 7, 8]

Estimated Market Values (Texas & Similar Markets)

- **Late Model (2018) MSA G1/Scott X3:** \$3,000–\$5,500+
- **Mid-Age (2013) Scott/MSA Pack:** \$1,500–\$2,500
- **Older (2002-2007) Units:** \$250–\$750 (often for training or parts)
- **Used Cylinders:** \$100–\$500 per cylinder depending on hydro date [1, 4, 7, 9, 10]

Where to Find Fair Market Value

- **GovDeals:** Frequently lists surplus SCBA from Texas cities, which can help establish the lowest market value for used gear.
- **Specialized Vendors:** Companies like Dalmatian Fire Equipment or SCBA Sales & Rentals offer reconditioned units with warranties, providing a baseline for high-quality used, compliant equipment.
- **Private Sellers/Fenton Fire:** Often list older or bulk items. [1, 4, 11, 12, 13]

For departments updating to new standards, purchasing refurbished units for less than \$1,000 is a common goal, while a new SCBA setup can cost upwards of \$7,000–\$8,000. [2, 14]

All responses may include mistakes.

[1] <https://www.fentonfire.com/equipment-category/scba-air-bottles/>

[2] <https://sosfirellc.myshopify.com/blogs/news/scbas-used-vs-new-generic-cost-comparison>

[3] <https://sosfirellc.com/products/used-msa-g1-2018ed-w-qc-4500psi>

[4] <https://www.scbasalesco.com/product-category/msa/msa-scba/>

[5] https://www.ebay.com/b/Scott-Scba/159698/bn_7023242771

[6] https://www.ebay.com/shop/scba-msa?_nkw=scba+msa

[7] <https://sosfirellc.myshopify.com/collections/used-scbas-and-related-equipment>

[8] <https://servegas.ga/services/maintenance-and-recertification-of-scba/>

[9] <https://dalmatianfire.com/msa-scba/>

[10] <https://www.airgunnation.com/threads/30-year-scba-tanks.1303612/>

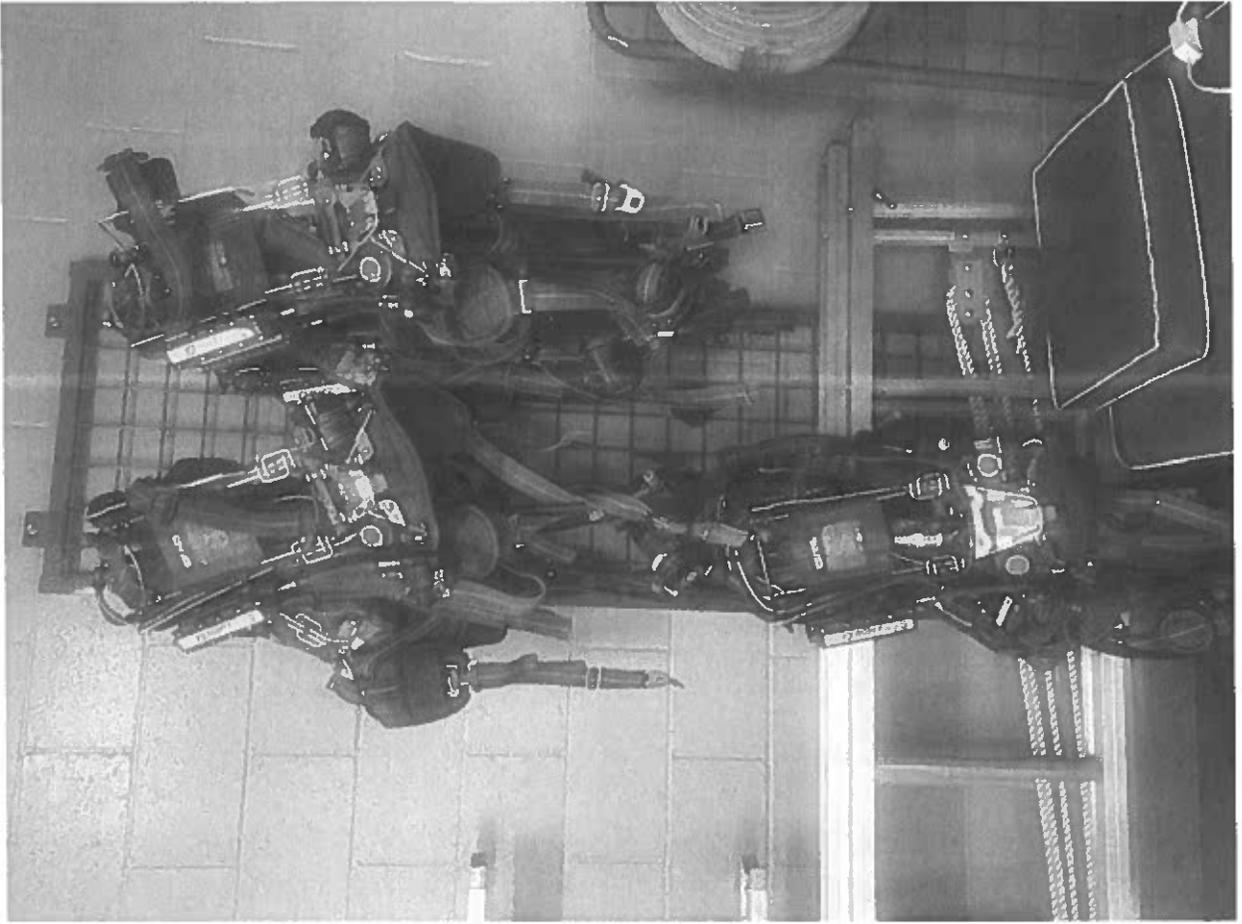
[11] <https://dalmatianfire.com/>

[12] <https://www.govdeals.com/en/asset/1782/10000>

[13] <https://www.govdeals.com/en/asset/35/12712>

[14] <https://www.firerescue1.com/fire-products/fire-breathing-apparatus/fire-scba/articles/buy-used-from-apparatus-to-scba-save-your-department-money-7g2H9u22mLuBlair/>







**Brownsville Independent School District
PO Reference Report**

NOT A PURCHASE ORDER

REQUESTED BY: Maria T. De la Cruz	PURCHASE ORDER NO. P312960
REQUESTED DATE: 02/14/2018	REQUEST NO. PR372986
VENDOR NO. V018598	PRINT DATE: 03/20/2018
	PO STATUS: FP

VENDOR ADDRESS:
SCOTT TECHNOLOGIES INC.
dba SCOTT SAFETY
4320 GOLDMINE ROAD
MONROE, NC 28110

SHIP TO:
PALO ALTO SERVICE CENTER
3760 ROBINDALE RD.
BROWNSVILLE, TX 78526

CONTACT: * DELIVERY HOURS: 7:30 am to 3:30 pm *****
9565488375

ITEM #	QTY	QTY. RCVD.	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	EXTENDED PRICE	PAID ¹	BALANCE
0001	6.00	6.00	EA	188.50	201215-21 Assy, AV3 HT W/4PT KEV, RED,M	164-11-6399-00-005-Y-22-000-Y	1,131.00	1,131.00	0.00
0002	4.00	4.00	EA	753.50	804722-01 Cylinder & Valve Assy, Carbon, 4500 psi 45 Min	164-11-6399-00-005-Y-22-000-Y	3,014.00	3,014.00	0.00
0003	6.00	6.00	EA	3,395.00	X3124022000302 4.5 WF75, SC QD/PTKR	164-11-6399-00-005-Y-22-000-Y	20,370.00	20,370.00	0.00
0004	0.00	0.00	EA	0.00	xxxxx	164-11-6399-00-005-Y-22-000-Y	0.00	0.00	0.00
0005	1.00	1.00		454.00	price increase 07/10/2018 Shipping/Handling	164-11-6399-00-005-Y-22-000-Y	454.00	454.00	0.00
0006	0.00	0.00		0.00	.	164-11-6399-00-005-Y-22-000-Y	0.00	0.00	0.00

PURCHASE ORDER TOTAL: 24,969.00 24,969.00 0.00

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1- Includes Sales Tax & Freight
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Requisition Codes

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CONTACT: * DELIVERY HOURS: 7:30 am to 3:30 pm *****
9565488375

REQUESTED BY: Maria T. De la Cruz	PURCHASE ORDER NO. P308562
REQUESTED DATE: 01/09/2018	REQUEST NO. PR369249
VENDOR NO. V018598	PO STATUS: FP
PRINT DATE: 01/12/2018	

ITEM #	QTY	QTY. RCVD.	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	EXTENDED PRICE	PAID ¹	BALANCE
0001	6.00	6.00	EA	3,395.00	X3124022000302 Wireframe	164-11-6399-00-005-Y-22-000-Y	20,370.00	20,370.00	0.00
0002	6.00	6.00	EA	184.50	201215-22 Facepiece Medium Faceseal	164-11-6399-00-005-Y-22-000-Y	1,107.00	1,107.00	0.00
0003	4.00	4.00	EA	735.00	804722-01 4500PSI Carbon 45 min CGA Valve	164-11-6399-00-005-Y-22-000-Y	2,940.00	2,940.00	0.00
0004	1.00	1.00		115.00	price increase 02/28/2018 Freight	164-11-6399-00-005-Y-22-000-Y	115.00	115.00	0.00

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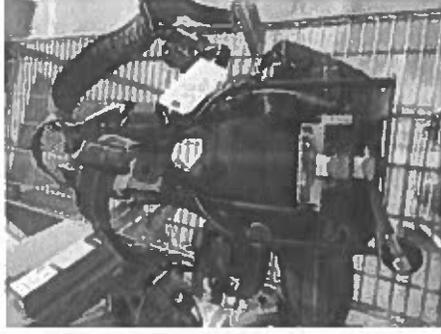
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USED: SCOTT X3 4.5 SCBA, 2013ed

SCOTT

\$2,350.00

SOLD OUT

Shipping calculated at checkout.

Quantity

1

SOLD OUT

This SCOTT X3 4.5 SCBA 2013ed is in USED condition and comes with FREE shipping. It

features a backpack harness, 4500psi, Pak-alert integrated PASS, a CBRN rated regulator, HUD, RIC/UAC connection, and dual EBSS.

Our contracted Scott authorized SCBA service technician has serviced and tested this unit for your peace of mind.

**Pics are representative of the products. Variations and conditions do vary with used equipment.*

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USED: SCOTT Ap75 4.5 SCBA, 2013spec

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\$1,599.00