

**AMENDED
CITY OF NEENAH
SPECIAL PUBLIC SERVICES AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday April 21, 2020 - 6:45 PM**

Due to the Public Health Emergency caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting will occur at a virtual location accessed by web link (Audio & Video) or conference call (Audio only). Committee members and the public should use the following log in or call-in information:

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AGENDA

1. Authorize the Neenah Police Department to purchase the Fresh Gear RSS, out of Capital Equipment Reserves.
2. Adjournment

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MEMORANDUM

To: Marge Bates, Chair
Public Services and Safety Committee
Mayor Dean Kaufert

From: Chief Aaron L. Olson

Re: **Sanitization Equipment**

Date: April 17, 2020

As of April 16, 2020, more than 140,000 people have died from COVID-19 and 170 of those are from Wisconsin. At this time, our Neenah Police officers, like all of our medical professionals and first responders, are putting themselves at risk of contracting this potentially deadly virus.

One way we can protect our officers is to properly sanitize their equipment. By not properly sanitizing our officers' equipment, the gear that is intended to protect them becomes a source of harm.

We have been searching to find a better way of sanitizing our officers' equipment because it takes almost 45 minutes after a call to take apart all of our duty gear to clean and disinfect. Even in doing this, however, there is no way our officers can get in between every nook and cranny of their equipment. This, coupled with the time it takes to disinfect their gear, is problematic.

The fire department has a machine that sprays a mist that sanitizes equipment, but that mist is becoming difficult to find. We have looked at a variety of ways to clean our equipment, and based on our research, the best thing for us to purchase is called a Fresh Gear RSS, which looks like a large refrigerator. It can clean an entire shift's worth of officers' equipment at once. Depending on the quantity of equipment being sanitized, this process takes between 20 minutes to an hour, but there are many benefits to this option.

First, while the Fresh Gear RSS is cleaning our officers' equipment, they can be productive with writing their reports, labeling their evidence, etc. Second, when the machine has completed its sterilization process, the officers can be rest assured that their equipment is sterile.

Here are some of the Fresh Gear RSS features and benefits:

- Only machine that **DRIES AND SANITIZES** simultaneously.
- Kills up to 99.99% of bacteria in the interior and exterior of your PPE or protective sports gear.
- Chemical-free. No need for expensive oils, solvents or bleaches. Only a few cents of electricity for each cycle. True green biotech!
- UV Ozone generation provides consistent ozone levels, even with damp gear.
- **LCD touch screen** with Variable Cycles Times (20 to 60 minutes) and Data Display. View machine use statistics instantly.
- Password authentication enables authorization codes for machine operation.
- **Proprietary ozone destruction technology** enables optimum ozone levels and greatest bacteria kill rates.
- No installation required. No tanks to fill or empty. No vents or drains.
- Same system used by **Federal Bureau of Prisons, Atomic Energy Canada, U.S. and Canadian** military bases, **U.S. Coast Guard**, and other first responder and government agencies.
- **5 YEAR** steel cabinet warranty, and **1 YEAR** parts and labor warranty.

For more information: <https://www.freshgear.com/rapid-sanitizing-system-rss.html>



Once this pandemic is over, the machine will still be utilized to clean duty belts, training gear, and other equipment.

The Fresh Gear RSS is \$19,845 USD, which includes the PPE kit and shipping and handling from the factory in Chicago. I believe this is a wise investment that any city employee should be able to have access to.

I have spoken with Director Easker, who said we should use our Capital Equipment Reserves to purchase this equipment. The Fox Valley Technical College owns this same machine and they swear by this machine. They use it to clean all of the training equipment that their students use.

In conclusion, these are unprecedented times. We have taken every measure we can to keep our officers safe and this is one of our last calculated steps. Mayor Kaufert is in support of this purchase as well. Also, I have spoken to a representative at this company and they have 20 units ready to go from the factory. As soon as we purchase the machine, it should be a quick turnaround.

Recommendation:

Authorize the Neenah Police Department to purchase the Fresh Gear RSS, out of Capital Equipment Reserves.