



# City of Broken Arrow

## Request for Action

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**Broken Arrow City Council  
Meeting of: 06-09-2017**

**To: Mayor City Council  
From: Office of the City Attorney**

**Title: Consideration, discussion, and possible approval to terminate the purchase order of 110 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and pertinent accessories/equipment previously issued to Casco Industries, Inc. and approval of and authorization to execute a letter advising Casco of this decision and authorizing the return of all SCBA's and related equipment**

**Background:**

On February 9, 2017, the City issued a purchase order for 110 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and pertinent accessories/equipment from Casco Industries, Inc. (Casco) at the cost of \$743,607.00. Broken Arrow Firefighters have had numerous issues with these SCBA's, including firefighters experiencing PASS false alarms, causing the SCBA packs to lock out. Cadets have been also experiencing issues with the exhalation valves causing them to breathe forcefully into the mask to obtain air flow back through the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage regulator. These faulty SCBA's present undue risks to both the City of Broken Arrow firefighters and citizens they serve.

In addition to the identified, serious problems with the units, Casco failed to provide the SCBA's within the deadlines set forth in the bid documents. As such, Casco is in breach of terms of the bid specifications and purchase order. As a result, City Staff is recommending that the City terminate the purchase order and return all SCBA's and compatible components. The Legal Department has drafted a letter to Casco advising of this decision.

**Cost: \$0**

**Prepared By: Beth Anne Wilkening, City Attorney**

**Reviewed By: Assistant City Manager-Operations  
Broken Arrow Fire Department**

**Approved By: Michael L. Spurgeon, City Manager**

**Attachments: Letter to Casco Industries**

**Recommendation:**

Terminate the purchase order with Casco Industries, Inc. and approve and authorize execution of the attached letter.