



From the Office of the Fire Chief

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Due to the enormous national demand for healthcare supplies to include medical-grade face masks, the Copperas Cove Fire Department is running low on these items. In the event we get to a point where our mask supply reaches a critical level, the department is in a unique position to take advantage of alternative personal protective equipment we already have. All of our firetrucks and ambulances have self-contained breathing apparatus (air packs) on them. These devices provide positive-pressure breathing air for the responder, while at the same time, providing an element of personal protection from the spread of COVID-19.

In the near future, it will not be unreasonable to see a Paramedic in one of these air packs come to your door if you call 911. Don't be scared, don't worry. Rest assured that there is not any hidden underlying reason why we would need to use these, or cause you additional concern. We are merely providing a safe operational working environment for our crews.

These air packs have microphones and speakers to help understand each other a little better while the Paramedic is wearing it. Attached are photos of what you may see knocking on your door only if you call 911.



Sincerely,
Michael Neujahr
Fire Chief