



Memorandum

**Austin Police Department**  
***Chief's Office***

**To:** Mayor and Council Members  
Marc A. Ott, City Manager  
Michael McDonald, Assistant City Manager

**From:** Art Acevedo, Chief of Police

**Date:** June 12, 2011

**Subject:** Ratification of emergency purchase from Aeromaritime America Inc.

The Austin Police Department's (APD) 2001 American Eurocopter EC 120b helicopter (Air 1) was grounded on June 7th, due to a mandatory 500 flight hour inspection. This inspection was expected to take a minimum of four weeks to complete.

APD's secondary helicopter a 1969 Bell OH58 (Air 2) was grounded in May pending a contract for a malfunctioning turbine assembly. Global metals have consistently been escalating causing the parts for the necessary repairs to unexpectedly exceed council limit.

APD is requesting council ratification of the emergency purchase from Aeromaritime America Inc. for the inspection, rental, and repair of the turbine assembly in the amount of \$57,596.40.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Art Acevedo  
Chief of Police