



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
February 27, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
 Submitted by: David Brannigan, Fire Chief
 Subject: Donation of Fire Apparatus and Equipment

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution donating surplus fire apparatus and equipment, including three surplus fire engines to the Bomberos de Tonalá and Bomberos de Yahualica.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Donation of fire apparatus will result in loss of funds from auctioning of the equipment. Estimated maximum value of auctioned equipment is \$5,000 or less for each vehicle for a maximum of \$15,000 and the surplus fire equipment has little or no value.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Two organizations, Bomberos de Tonalá and Bomberos de Yahualica have contacted the Berkeley Fire Department about the possibility of donation of surplus apparatus and equipment.

The Bomberos de Tonalá provides fire protection and rescue and emergency medical services for the City of Tonalá, Jalisco and the surrounding region of Mexico. The Tonalá Fire Department responded to 9,300 calls for service in 2017.

The Bomberos de Yahualica provides fire protection, rescue and emergency medical services for Yahualica, Jalisco, and the surrounding region of Mexico. The Yahualica Fire Department responded to 3,837 calls for service in 2017.

The intent is to use the donated equipment to provide much needed fire/rescue services to the region. Current in service apparatus is 80's era, which was previously used in the United States.

BACKGROUND

The Berkeley Fire Department has made donations of fire apparatus and equipment in the past including multiple fire engines. Usable equipment has been either maintained for use during major emergencies or disasters. When apparatus or equipment are no longer needed or too expensive to maintain, they are sent off to auction. The specialized nature of fire equipment means the demand for such equipment at

auctions is usually minimal and cost to make the equipment usable for service in the United States is prohibitive. Donation of equipment has provided more benefit in good will and actual help to people in need than the small amount of revenue that may be achieved through auction.

The City has made donations of fire and police equipment in the past, including:

Date	Beneficiary	Type of Surplus Equipment
September 29, 2015	Berkeley Unified School District	Ambulance
March 9, 2010	EL Bolson Fire Department, Argentina	Fire Engine
March 9, 2010	The Cities of: Izalco and Delgado, El Salvador	Two Fire Engines
March 9, 2010	Jocotenango Sacatepequez Fire Department, Guatemala	Ambulance
July 14, 2009	Berkeley Boosters Association	Passenger Vans and Trailers
September 23, 2008	EL Bolson Fire Department, Argentina	Ambulance
September 23, 2008	East Cape Community/Social Service Foundation	Two Ambulances

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the action requested in this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The apparatus and equipment can be sent to auction, however due to the specialized nature of the equipment and its current condition would result in little interest except for parts. Donation of equipment has provided more benefit in good will and actual help to people in need than the small amount of revenue that may be achieved through auction.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The equipment can be sent to auction. However, the high-mileage, current condition, and specialized nature of the apparatus has typically resulted in little interest and low revenue.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

- 1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

DONATION OF FIRE APPARATUS

WHEREAS, City regulations requires that surplus equipment and vehicles be disposed of through an auction procedure; and

WHEREAS, from time to time groups and organizations request donations of surplus equipment and/or vehicles; and

WHEREAS, two organizations have requested donation of three surplus fire engines and other surplus emergency equipment to assist them in delivery of emergency services in underserved areas of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the surplus vehicle will result in little value at auction; and

WHEREAS, donation of the equipment and vehicles will generate good will and no additional costs to the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that three surplus fire engines and surplus equipment as deemed appropriate by the Berkeley Fire Department be donated to the Bomberos de Tonalá and Bomberos de Yahualica.

