



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 19, 2015

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Training & Recruitment Division, Fire Department

SUBJECT: Receipt Of Donated Fire Equipment

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accept a donation of thermal imaging camera equipment for firefighting with a value of approximately \$6,000 from FLIR Systems, Inc.

DISCUSSION:

FLIR Systems, Inc. has generously donated to the Santa Barbara Fire Department a K55 Thermal Imaging Camera kit (K55 TIC) worth in excess of \$6,000. Thermal imaging cameras have become an integral part of firefighting equipment because this vital tool helps responders to see more clearly in the darkest, smoke-filled environments. The K55 TIC helps firefighters to attack fires more strategically, stay better oriented, detect combustibles and locate hot spots quicker, and find victims faster. This improves the safety and protection of first responders and the likelihood of success. The K55 TIC produces digital images that are ultra-sharp and show extraordinary structural, edge and other instantly-recognizable detail. This system's new, in-camera video storage feature can record and store up to 600 minutes of video which can be useful for later analysis and ideal for training purposes.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The acceptance of this donated equipment does not require a budget adjustment.

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