



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** June 21, 2016

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Operations Division, Fire Department

**SUBJECT:** Donation Of Firefighting Equipment To The Fire Department By The Santa Barbara Firefighters Alliance

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accept the donation of rescue and safety equipment from the Santa Barbara Firefighters Alliance to the City of Santa Barbara Fire Department, valued at approximately \$32,000.

### DISCUSSION:

The Santa Barbara Firefighters Alliance is a local non-profit organization that raises money for City and County firefighters to maximize their welfare, safety and efficiency. The Firefighters Alliance enables firefighters to provide higher levels of service to their communities. Past donations to our local fire and rescue services from the Alliance have included such items as: thermal imaging cameras, satellite phones, personal protective gear and many other items valued collectively at over \$500,000.

The donated equipment includes a dispatch smartphone app for first responders, water rescue equipment, rope rescue equipment, trench shoring equipment, and chainsaws. This equipment is used by the Fire Department for training and use on incidents. The types of incidents that this equipment will be used on will include urban search and rescue, water rescue calls, and wildland and structure fires.

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**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office