



Agenda Item No. _____

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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: December 15, 2009

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 \$30,000.

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 camera, satellite phones, personal protective gear and many other items valued at over \$500,000.

The donated equipment includes ropes, carabiners and an air supply system that will provide the City of Santa Barbara Fire Department with equipment for Urban Search and Rescue operations. This equipment will be used by the Fire Department to provide regional training in advanced rescue techniques. Other equipment being donated includes a GPS enabled camera, useful for real time documentation, and wildland firefighting goggles to allow firefighters to work safely and effectively in high wind dust and ash conditions.

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office