



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: November 20, 2012

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Operations Division, Fire Department

SUBJECT: Donation Of Public Education Equipment

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Accept the donation of public education equipment from the Santa Barbara Firefighters Alliance to the City of Santa Barbara Fire Department, valued at approximately \$13,000; and
- B. Authorize the General Services Manager to prepare all documentation required to donate surplus fire public education equipment to the City of Santa Maria, California.

DISCUSSION:

The Santa Barbara Firefighters Alliance is a local non-profit organization that raises money for City and County firefighters to maximize their welfare, public 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 at over \$500,000.

The Santa Barbara Firefighters Alliance once again has approved our grant submission to replace our aging Fire Safety House, with a new Fire Safety House. The new Fire Safety House is a three (3) room inflatable Fire Drill Safety House that is approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The new Fire Drill Safety House is safer and is ADA compliant. The Fire Drill Safety House will be used at all City Schools to educate third graders on fire safety. In addition, the Fire Safety House can also be used at other public education functions to promote fire prevention and safety.

The previous Fire Safety House, a 35-foot trailer, was purchased with a grant from the Santa Barbara Foundation in November 1993 at a cost of \$28,000, and has been used to educate thousands of elementary school children in fire and life safety concepts. The trailer is almost 20 years old and in need of replacement. Consequently, the determination was made to evaluate alternate forms of public education equipment,

which lead to the request to the Firefighters Alliance for the new inflatable-style safety house.

The original Fire Safety House will be disposed of as surplus property to the City of Santa Maria Fire Department where it will continue to be used. Because the estimated value of the original Fire Safety House exceeds the authority granted to the General Services Manager in Section 4.52.130 of the Municipal Code to dispose of surplus property, City Council approval is required for this to be donated to Santa Maria.

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