

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 23-044

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: *KC* Kristin M. Crowley, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: IN-KIND DONATION OF ULTRASOUND MACHINES FOR ADVANCED PROVIDER RESPONSE UNITS

FINAL ACTION: Approved Approved w/Corrections Withdrawn
 Denied Received & Filed Other

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation (LAFDF) has graciously donated five (5) SonoQue point-of-care ultrasound machines for utilization by the Department’s advanced providers. Point of care ultrasound (POCUS) is an advanced evaluation tool that provides medical imaging in real-time. POCUS uses sound waves to produce images on a screen of internal structures such as tissue, bones, and other vital pieces of information. It is used in emergency rooms and in the pre-hospital setting by trained medical professionals to assist in formulating a diagnosis based on symptoms and image findings. Applying ultrasound can assist prehospital in the diagnosis and management of patients with a variety of medical emergencies. After a short period of training, EMS Advanced Providers (AP’s) can interpret images with a high degree of accuracy. In a matter of minutes AP’s gain additional data points that allow for quick and specific questions to be answered. POCUS complements the physical assessment and can guide complex decision-making in the field. Following a brief training, the machines will be deployed to advanced providers 7, 58, 65 and 82. The value of this donation is estimated at \$19,241.25.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

1. Receive this report for the In-Kind Donation by the Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation for the items listed above, valued at \$19, 241.25 to the Los Angeles Fire Department.
2. Request the Commission Executive Assistant to transmit this report to the Mayor’s Office in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3 and to City Council in accordance with the Los Angeles Administrative Code, Ordinance 15514, Article 12, Section 5.111.4, for consideration and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact on the Department's budget from the acceptance of this donation. Donations provide the necessary items to meet the needs of the respective fire stations or administration sections. Replacement or repair of items meeting City specifications and Fire Department business needs may be borne by General Fund, subject to budgetary constraints.

CONCLUSION

The Los Angeles Fire Department benefits tremendously from gracious donations and support provided by the LAFD Foundation. The LAFD acknowledges the LAFDF for its generosity.

Board report was prepared by Acting Public Information Director Cheryl Getuiza, Community Liaison Office.

Attachment

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