

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT




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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
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TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: Kristin M. Crowley, Fire Chief 

SUBJECT: FIREHOUSE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PANTRIES PROGRAM

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SUMMARY

The First-In Fire Foundation has been a “Partner in Preparedness” with the Los Angeles Fire Department (Department) since 2001. OVER THE YEARS THEY HAVE the assisted in first response areas by connecting local citizens to their local fire stations. Recently, the First-In Foundation with the support of Council Member Katy Yaroslavsky, made a generous donation to all of the seven fire stations within Council District 5. Fire Stations 37, 43, 58, 61, 71, 92, and 108 will receive fully stocked stationary and mobile food pantries. The item(s) are valued at \$20,000; see attached. This donation will benefit the Department by providing bulk quantities of nutritious and non-perishable foods in fully stocked pantries and mobile coolers to be utilized during long deployments. When citizens visit the fire station for open houses or events, firefighters can also demonstrate how they prepare for emergencies at their station by sharing their fully stocked food pantries. Citizens will learn how to prepare food for emergencies in their pantries.

This report is being submitted in accordance with the Los Angeles Administrative Code, Article 12, Sections 5.111.3 and 5.111.4, which provides for the receipt of gifts and bequests of personal property to be utilized by the fire department exceeding \$5,000.00 in market value shall be submitted to the City Council for acceptance or rejection.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

1. Approve the donation from the First-In Fire Foundation “Firehouse Emergency Preparedness Pantry” item(s) valued at \$20,000 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 the City Council in accordance with the Los Angeles Administrative Code, Ordinance 15514, Article 12, 5.111.4 for consideration and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the Department's budget from accepting this donation. Donations provide the necessary items meeting the needs of the respective fire station. 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 from gracious support provided by the First-In Fire Foundation "Firehouse Emergency Preparedness Pantry" through generous donations and assistance. This program is beneficial for emergency preparedness and can also be used to engage with the community. It provides an opportunity to showcase the fire station's preparedness for potential emergency situations through its food pantry. The Community Liaison Office acknowledges the First-In Fire Foundation for its generosity.

The board report was prepared by Public Information Director Karla Tovar, Community Liaison Office.

Attachments



“FIREHOUSE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PANTRY”

May 8, 2024

When duty calls firefighters boldly come to the rescue. In the still of the night, at dusk, at dawn, come what may ... our fire crews leap into action unflinchingly racing to the front lines of everything dangerous. Being prepared for anything and everything requires peak foresight, training, teamwork and peak fitness and nutrition for peak performance each and every call.

Like professional athletes, firefighters are individually and collectively fine-tuned Olympic emergency preparedness athletic teams. Firefighters must eat well to serve well. Grab & Go nutrition is in constant demand. Consequently, fueling the Firehouse is fueling and refueling a Powerhouse of protective, courageous strength at the center of each and every local community.

Rule #1- The Firehouse must have lots of top-quality non-perishable foods on hand and, at the ready 365/24/7. Whether responding to fierce, relentless wildland fires, devastating floods and landslides, herculean urban high-rise blazes, or innumerable medical calls – safety always and hydrate and fuel first. In 2024, the launching of “Emergency Preparedness Firehouse Pantry” and “Stock the Emergency Preparedness Firehouse Pantry” directly and successfully addresses this fundamental public safety need.

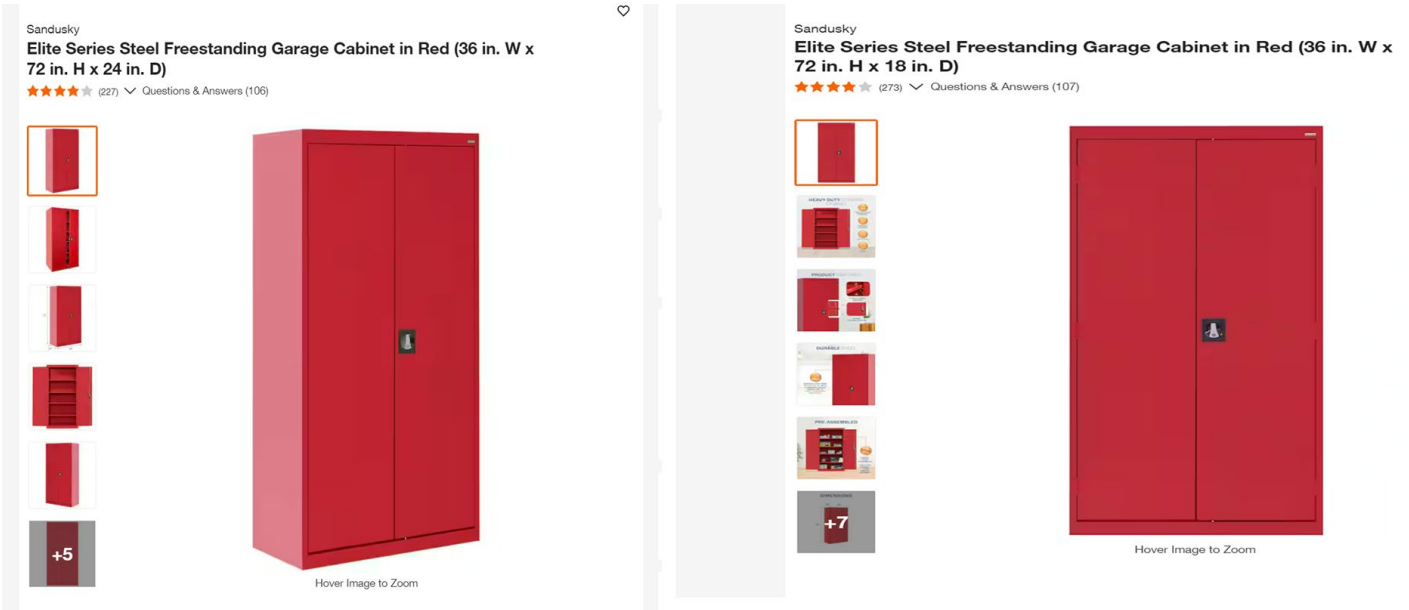
In partnership with First-In Fire Foundation and all the fire stations in CD5, the Office of Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky, CD5, enthusiastically embraces and champions for this uniquely pressing practical and proactive approach to be a “Partner in Preparedness.” This extraordinary grassroots program directly and indirectly benefits CD5 firefighting crews and citizens.

By using the local CD5 firehouse as a local emergency preparedness schoolhouse for public safety and preparedness education, everybody wins. Both short and long term “Firehouse Emergency Preparedness Pantry” and “Stock the “Firehouse Emergency Preparedness Pantry” is our ideal Model Preparedness Program. It is cost effective, practical, and sustainable both within the firehouse; and this program is a catalyst and conduit for increased awareness, empowerment, and inspiration for citizens’ safety in their own homes. Very simply, firefighters can invite local citizens into their local fire station to see and learn first-hand exactly how firefighters themselves prepare far ahead for all emergencies. **Below are descriptions of our three types of Emergency Preparedness Pantries: (1.) STATIONARY – a large storage primary stand-alone storage pantry for the firehouse to store bulk quantity non-perishable foods AND (2.) one MOBILE – for deployment to disasters like wildfires and (3.) one MOBILE – for paramedic ambulance calls. All pantries will be stocked with nutritious and delicious non-perishable foods firefighters like.**

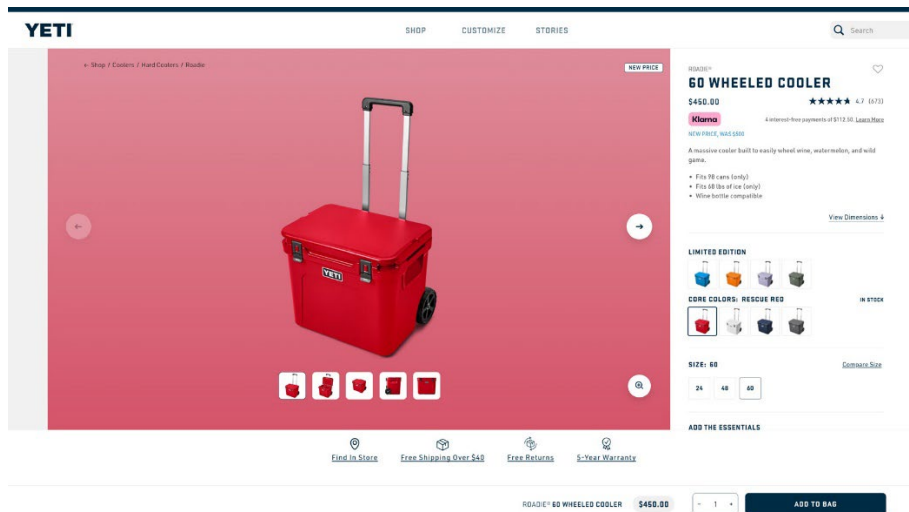
Extensive research for both types of pantries (Stationary and Mobile) and foods was conducted selecting the Yeti Brand, which is a firefighter favorite – heavy duty, top quality and dependable. (See below.)

"FIREHOUSE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PANTRIES"

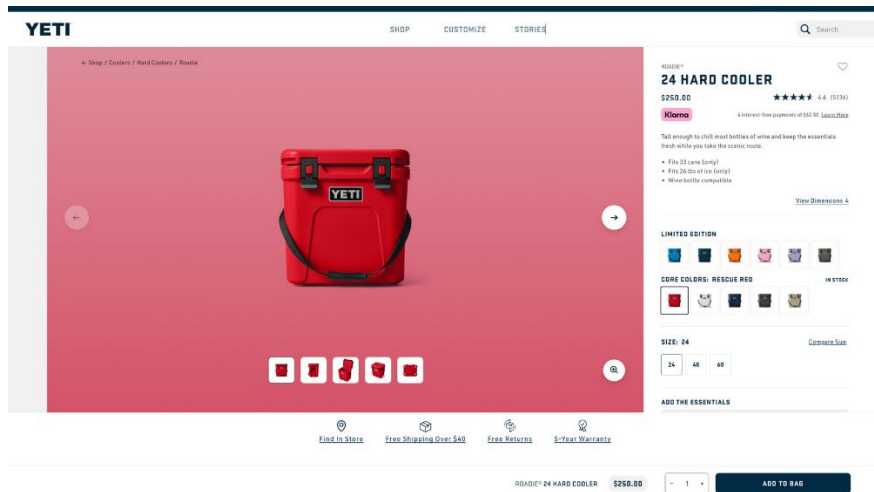
Stationary Pantry Option #1 Brand: Sandusky (Made in USA) Stationary Pantry Option #2



Brand: Yeti Mobile Pantry (Large)



Brand: Yeti Mobile Pantry (Small)



All Pantries are bright fire engine red (Rescue Red).

FIREHOUSE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PANTRY FOODS					
ITEM	BRAND	QUANTITY	COST	*Optional	
Honey	Tupelo	2 lb	\$43.00		
Jams	Good Good	12oz 4pk	\$27.99		
preserves - variety*	Bonne Maman	13oz 3pk		\$22.49	
Chunky Peanut Butter	Skippy or Jif	64 oz	\$11.00		
Nutrition bars	Quest	2.2 oz 10pk	\$35.94		
Protein Bars Variety Pack	Clif Bar	2.4 oz 16pk	\$24.68		
Canned Chicken Breast	Swanson	4.5oz 24pk	\$51.24		
Canned Tuna	Bumble Bee	15oz 24pk	\$40.54		
Canned Pink Salmon	Bumble Bee	5 oz 12 pk		\$35.88	
Canned Beef Stew	Dinty	15oz 12pk	\$29.41		
Beef Jerky	Jack Links	.625 oz 20pk	\$27.65		
Chilli & Beans	Hormel	15oz 12pk	\$29.88		
Chocolate	Hersheys	4.4 oz 12 pk	\$23.78		
Canned Vienna Sausages	Libby	4.6 oz 24pk		\$15.19	
Canned Smoked Ham	Hormel	5 oz 12 pk		\$25.60	
Canned Beef in Chilli Sauce	Hormel	15 oz 12pk		\$27.84	
Canned Sardines/olive oil	King Oscar	3.75 oz 4pk		\$15.96	
Canned Smoked Almonds	Blue Diamond	6 oz 12 pack	\$68.95		
Dried Fruit	Natures Turn	.53 oz 16pk	\$35.14		
Trail Mix	Natures Garden	28.8 oz 24pk	\$23.32		
Raisins	Sunmaid	1 oz 12pk	\$9.98		
Bulk Chocolate mix	Hershey/Reeses	5 lbs		\$39.99	
Canned Tropical Fruit	Dole	15.25 oz 12pk		\$43.26	
Mac & Cheese	Kraft	7.25 oz 35 pk	\$24.23		
Ramen Noodle Soup	Nissin	2.2 oz 24pk	\$14.99		
Chicken Noodle Soup	Campbells	10.5oz 12pk	\$20.64		
Turkey Jerky	Old Wisconsin	1 oz 42 pk		\$26.50	
Evaporated Milk	Carnation	12 oz 8pk		\$21.00	
		Total	\$542.36		
		Tax 10%	\$54.24		
		Grand Total	\$596.60		

Foods to stock the pantry were selected from extensive lists from FEMA, American Red Cross, and University of Georgia, also referenced by Los Angeles Emergency Management Department. Final food selections were vetted by Los Angeles Fire Department, LAFD Command Staff.

Firefighters always like to open the firehouse doors wide and welcome in the local community, including children and families, teens, and seniors. Citizens are invited to a “Welcome to the Heart of Firehouse _____ Open House.” As old-fashioned hometown hospitality, constituents are served homemade cookies or muffins baked by firefighters themselves, hot coffee and, of course, milk. Every effort is made to make emergency preparedness easy, factual, yet fun and to have citizens bond in friendship with their local firefighters. *“Friendship is the first step toward Preparedness”*

“When you Walk into the Heart of a Firehouse, You Walk into the Heart of America.” Key is opportunity for citizens to learn how to prepare at home like firefighters prepare at the firehouse. There is also

opportunity for introducing other preparedness topics like C.E.R.T., RYLAN (Ready Your L.A. Neighborhood) and basic First Aid and Hands-On CPR.

Fundamentally, this first Model Introductory Mini-Lesson in Emergency Preparedness can be expanded eventually to each fire station in CD5 over time using the trusted local emergency preparedness schoolhouse – the local Firehouse next door. Through the leadership, vision, enthusiastic support and generous grant of CD5, Councilwoman Yaroslavsky and her staff (including Fernando Morales, Deputy Chief of Staff; George Hakopiants, District Director; and Maria Aguiniga, Office Manager,) this originally designed Model Program is possible. This Model Program is also cost effective and enjoyable for first responders and citizens alike in collaboration with First-In Fire Foundation. It significantly enhances readiness at the grassroots level of CD5 and exemplifies a strong Community-Fire Department Partnership.



Our Philosophy: Emergency Preparedness is practical and essential.

“EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CAN BE FUN!”

“A Community that plays together stays together, before, during, and after emergencies.”

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BUDGET 2023

“FIREHOUSE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PANTRIES PROGRAM”

7 MOBILE READINESS PANTRIES - Yeti Wheeled unit for fire crew \$492.75 each -- Large capacity unit - includes tax, no delivery charge.	\$3,449.25
12 MOBILE READINESS PANTRIES - Yeti Unit for paramedics/ambulances \$273.75 each -- Small capacity – includes tax, no delivery charge	3,285.00
5 IN-HOUSE READINESS PANTRIES - Sandusky stationary, locked food storage unit for firehouse \$712.24 each includes tax + delivery charge	\$3,561.20
5 STOCK THE FIREHOUSE READINESS PANTRIES WITH NON-PERISHABLE NUTRITIOUS FOOD & BEVERAGES Stock each Pantry and restock each Pantry	\$5,000.00
COMMUNITY FAMILY READINESS EDUCATION Model Seminar at the firehouse and educational material	\$1,154.55
ADMINISTRATIVE/STAFF	\$3,550.00
	TOTAL: \$20,000*
*IN-KIND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$5,000.00

Foundation President: Program creation, Educational material content, Community & LAFD outreach

Chairman Of The Board: Legal services

Treasurer: Budget and accounting services