

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



RALPH M. TERRAZAS
FIRE CHIEF

July 28, 2016

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 16-088

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: *RMT* Ralph M. Terrazas, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: IN-KIND DONATION OF MR. WILLIAM S. PHILLIPS PAINTINGS

FINAL ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Corrections	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Received & Filed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

SUMMARY

Mr. Williams S. Phillips has donated four (4) historical paintings. The total monetary value of this donation is \$85,500.00. Pursuant to the Los Angeles Administrative Code, Article 12, Section 5.111.4, "Receipt of Gifts and Bequests of Personal Property by the Fire Department," provides the authority to the Fire Commissioners to accept or reject bequests of personal property, exceeding \$5,000.00 in market value.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board:

1. Approve the Department report.
2. Transmit the report to the City Council for acceptance of the donation.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the Department's budget from the acceptance of this donation.

CONCLUSION

The Los Angeles Fire Department benefits tremendously from gracious donations such as that received from Mr. William S. Phillips. The Community Liaison Office acknowledges Mr. William S. Phillips for his generous donation.

Board report prepared by Public Information Director Peter Sanders, Community Liaison Office.

Attachment

William S. Phillips Fine Art

June 22, 2016

Chief Ralph Terrazas
LAFD 200 N. Main Street
18th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chief Terrazas:

I am sorry we did not get a chance to talk regarding my donation of historic paintings to the LAFD prior to the Foundation Fundraiser. However, I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with a bit of background information regarding these works of art.

For the past 42 years I have had a successful career as an aviation artist and historian. For the past 30 years I have given paintings to the various branches of the military and other government agencies as a way of paying something back. This was the genesis for the series of paintings I am currently donating to the LAFD.

I was raised in the San Fernando Valley in the late 1940's and early 50's in a small town called Sepulveda. My father passed away when I was 12 years old and to say the least I was devastated. However, two LA fire fighters by the name of Andy McCarthy and Lou Crougan took me and our family under their wing. This included many Little League games and activities. Both acted as father figures until we moved out of California and into Oregon. Their kindness towards me and my family had a great impact. Thus it is to these two men that I dedicate the work I am doing for the LAFD.

During the years I was in college I spent three years as a wildland fire fighter on what now would be called a "hot shot crew" and after graduation from college I spent another 11 years as a city fire fighter in Ashland, Oregon. To this day I have the utmost admiration and respect for the men and women of the fire service.

I am sending under separate cover one of the books written about my work. It tells the whole story. I hope you will enjoy it and that as I finish my paintings of the Department we might have a chance to talk.

Enclosed is the signed Offer of Gift with all of the information on each art piece. Please be sure this is kept on record with the LAFD.

All Best Wishes,



William S. Phillips
Artist

Enclosure: Offer of Gift

OFFER OF GIFT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I, William S. Phillips, the owner of the properties listed below, do hereby voluntarily give, transfer, convey and assign said property free and clear of all encumbrances to the LA Fire Department and the City of Los Angeles to have and hold the same forever with no sale, gift or transference of said property. I hereby relinquish for myself, my executor, administrators, heirs and assign ownership, rights, title and possession therein to the donee.

Into the Mouth of the Dragon

Framed Original Oil Painting on Board

20" x 29"

2015

\$16,000.00

Working the South Flank

Framed Original Oil Painting on Canvas

24" x 36"

2013

\$30,000.00

Team Effort

Framed Original Oil Painting on Board

24" x 36"

2015

\$30,000.00

Bethel Gifford Out of Quarters

Framed Original Oil Painting on Board

20" x 16"

2016

\$9,500.00

The herein-described gift of title to and transfer of possession of said property does
NOT include the copyright subsisting therein.

Signature of

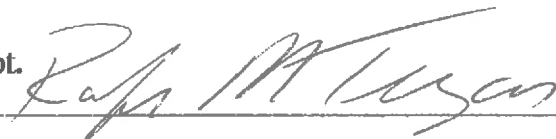
Artist

 Date 5/21/16

Signature of

LA Fire Dept.

Rep

 Date 5/21/16

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