

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



BRIAN L. CUMMINGS
FIRE CHIEF

March 8, 2012

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 12-046

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: Brian L. Cummings, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: IN-KIND DONATION FOR MOTOROLA PORTABLE RADIOS AND ACCESSORIES

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 Withdrawn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

Recommendation: That the Board:

1. Accept a donation from the Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation (Foundation) of 20 Motorola Portable Radios (walkie-talkies) and accessories for the members of the In-Service Training Section (ISTS).

Summary: The Foundation has donated 20 Motorola Portable Radios with accessories to be used by the ISTS staff in the daily work responsibilities assumed by this section. This donation is in the monetary value of \$4,500.00. Pursuant to the Los Angeles Administrative Code, Article 12, Section 5.111.4(a), "Receipt of Gifts and Bequests of Personal Property by the Fire Department," provides the authority to the Fire Commission to accept or reject bequests of personal property not exceeding \$5,000 in market value.

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact to the Department's budget in the acceptance of this donation. Members of the ISTS shall be responsible to maintain, repair and/or replace these donated items.

Conclusion: The Los Angeles Fire Department benefits tremendously from gracious donations such as that received from the Foundation. The Community Liaison Office would like to acknowledge the Foundation for their generous donation.

Board report prepared by the Community Liaison Office

Attachment

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FIRE CHIEF

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BRIAN L. CUMMINGS
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February 27, 2012

TO: Brian L. Cummings, Fire Chief
THROUGH CHANNELS

FROM: Richard Fields, Captain I
In Service Training Section

SUBJECT: FIRE FOUNDATION FUNDS USE REQUEST

APPROVED

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Fire Chief

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COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICE

SUMMARY

The In Service Training Section (ISTS) is requesting the use of the Adopt-a-Fire Station Fund to purchase two-way radios for the personnel assigned to the section. The various training responsibilities of the sworn members require them to be in several locations on the premises of Frank Hotchkin Memorial Training Center during the course of a work day. We handle approximately 300 phone calls per day, most of which require specific attention from the sworn staff. At this time there is no working Public Address system for the building or supplemental communication for the individual classrooms.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that a cache of (20) Motorola portable radios, with all necessary accessories, be purchased for the use of the ISTS staff. This will greatly improve staff communication and accountability. The radios will aid the sections' while performing daily training exercises, managing the needs of the facility and servicing the needs of the office. The expenditure of \$4,500.00 is being requested and has been identified as readily available in the Fire Foundation's (ISTS) account.

FINDINGS

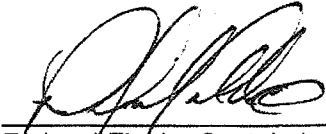
At this time our only means of communication is personal cellular phone. This is extremely unreliable on the premises. We attempted to secure the similar equipment through the city, using the established budget. Secondly, no funds will be made available to make this purchase unless paid for by the section; there is no such equipment currently available to the Department. Finally by using the Fire Foundation account as the funding source, there is no budgetary impact. We researched several solutions including repairing the existing PA system. The most cost effective and expedient solution is a portable radio system. Included are the equipment list, specifications, and cost quote.

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BUREAU COMMANDER	DATE	EMERGENCY OPERATIONS COMMANDER	DATE	ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS COMMANDER	DATE		
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CONCLUSION

Staffing and budget reductions have required all the members assigned to ISTS to take on more responsibility. In addition to delivering training to members of this Department, we service the large Fire Family of neighboring Fire Departments. Our members have come to rely on the individuals of In Service Training to provide them with everything they need to keep current and support their career development. Communication and accountability are critical to that end.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Fields', is written over a horizontal line.

Richard Fields, Captain I
In Service Training Section