

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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FIRE CHIEF

October 16, 2012

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 12-174

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: Brian L. Cummings, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: **IN-KIND DONATION FOR AN EXTRACTOR FOR FIRE STATION 105**

FINAL ACTION: ☐ Approved
☐ Denied

☐ Approved w/Corrections
☐ Received & Filed

☐ Withdrawn
☐ Other

Recommendation: That the Board:

1. Accept a donation from the LAFD Adopt a Fire Station Fund for the members of Fire Station 105.

Summary: The LAFD Adopt a Fire Station Fund has purchased an Extractor, for the purpose of washing/cleaning Department member's turnout equipment for Fire Station 105. This unit is installed and operating perfectly. The combined monetary value of the Extractor and installation is \$2,200.00. 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 Fire Station 105 shall be solely 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 LAFD Adopt a Fire Station Fund. The Community Liaison Office would like to acknowledge the LAFD Adopt a Fire Station Fund for their generous donation.

Board report prepared by the Community Liaison Office.

Attachment

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June 30, 2011

TO: Commander, Bureau of Emergency Services, THROUGH CHANNELS

FROM: Keith E. Massey, Captain II, Fire Station 105, "B" Platoon

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ACCEPTANCE - EXTRACTOR

SUMMARY

The members of Fire Station 105 used Adopt-A-Fire Station funds to purchase a reconditioned extractor for cleaning our member's turnouts. This unit is installed and operating perfectly. We request that this unit be "Accepted" by the Department.

FINDINGS

Fire Station 105 had approximately \$2200.00 donated to Adopt-A-Fire Station for improvements for the station to benefit our members. A vote was taken and the majority of 105's members voted to purchase an extractor to clean our turnouts. Cleaning our turnouts at neighboring station's extractors has been very difficult since we do not have a second set of turnouts and wearing another member's turnouts for the day is unsanitary and you can't always find the right size. Staying after work and going to another station to use their extractor is very inconvenient and takes several hours. Therefore, it was decided by our members that having our own extractor would much more convenient and most importantly it would be a tremendous health benefit. This extractor will give us the opportunity to throw our turnouts in the wash before we leave the station in the morning. The working platoon can take them out and hang them to dry. Arriving 15 minutes early the next day will give a member the time to reassemble his clean turnouts before relief.

It is common knowledge and it has been demonstrated through testing that dirty turnouts chronically expose firefighters to carcinogens. Our members felt that it was important enough that they agreed to use the donated funds to purchase an extractor instead of TV's, chairs or weight equipment.

A reconditioned unit was purchased from Coin Meter Inc./SpeedQueen with the \$2200.00 of donated money and over \$600.00 of House Dues funds. This unit is installed in our boiler room and is functioning perfectly.

COMPANY/STATION/UNIT COMMANDER	DATE	EMS BATTALION CAPTAIN	DATE	BATTALION COMMANDER	DATE	DIVISION COMMANDER	DATE
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Because the stations that surround Fire Station 105 all have extractors, it is anticipated that the use of, and maintenance costs for, this extractor will be minimal. It will only be used to clean the turnouts for this one fire station so it should last for many years.

The vendor has instructed our members on the proper operation of this unit to avoid maintenance issues and has given us instruction on correcting the most common problems that generate service calls further reducing operating costs.


The unit has a one year guarantee.

RECOMMENDATION

We, respectfully, recommend that the Department accept this extractor to improve the health and safety of our members.

CONCLUSION

Clean turnouts is Department policy however taking them to another station has proven difficult and inconvenient. This extractor will provide a convenient method for our members to eliminate the chronic exposure to carcinogens caused by dirty turnouts.


Keith E. Massey, Captain II
Fire Station 105, "B" Platoon