### BRIAN L. CUMMINGS FIRE CHIEF

February 5, 2013

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FILE NO. 13-019

TO:

**Board of Fire Commissioners** 

FROM:

Brian L. Cummings, Fire Ohjef

SUBJECT:

GRANT DONATION FOR THE LAFD ARSON/COUNTER TERRORISM

SECTION'S CANINE HANDLER

FINAL ACTION: \_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_ Approved w/Corrections \_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_ Received & Filed \_\_\_\_ Other

## Recommendation: That the Board:

 Accept a grant donation from the LAFD Foundation for the LAFD Arson Canine Handler.

**Summary:** The LAFD Foundation has donated one (1) iPad 2 with Wi-Fi + 3G for Verizon 16GB – Black, for the Canine Handler assigned to the Arson Counter/Terrorism Section. The combined monetary value is \$529.00, 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. The Arson Counter/Terrorism Section shall be solely responsible to maintain, repair and/or replace these donated items.

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

Board report prepared by: Community Liaison Office

Attachment



# BRIAN L. CUMMINGS

January 16, 2013

TO:

Brian L. Cummings, Fire Chief, THROUGH CHANNELS

FROM:

Michael A. Greenup, Commander, Arson/Counter Terrorism Section

SUBJECT: Arson Canine Handler iPad Grant Request/ Justification

### **SUMMARY**

The primary need for the Arson Canine Handler to possess an iPad is to improve efficiency. Two of the Canine Handler's most important functions are scene documentation and evidence detection/collection.

The Arson Canine Handler frequently responds from his/her home at the request of Arson Investigators already at the scene of a fire, and/or based on the type of premises burned or scale of the incident. An iPad would allow the Arson Canine Handler to receive the dispatch information along with critical scene updates while responding to the emergency. The ability to obtain vital information in a timely manner will allow the Arson Canine Handler to formulate a tentative investigation plan and will allow him/her to designate potential locations of critical evidence more quickly. This would result in a shorter deployment time and may possibly prevent the loss of potential evidence. An additional feature included in an iPad is its Global Positioning System (GPS) and mapping. Using GPS technology, the Arson Canine Handler will be able to plot the most direct and efficient route to the incident. This technology is necessary given the fact that the Arson Canine Handler is responsible for fire scenes anywhere within the City of Los Angeles; an area of over 470 square miles.

Documenting the fire scene, along with the evidence locations, types, and collection methods is of vital importance in the criminal justice system. It is also important for the public's overall safety through the recognition of accidental causes and consumer product malfunctions. The Arson Canine Handler is responsible for numerous reports and notifications regarding documented evidence and ignition sources. An iPad will enable the Arson Canine Handler to

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If the cause of a fire is determined to have been intentionally set, the fire becomes criminal in nature. As an agent of the courts, the Arson Canine Handler is required to operate within the framework of our criminal justice system. An iPad will allow the Arson Canine Handler to store and retrieve legal documentation and case laws necessary to the scope of his/her duties. In addition, an iPad will allow the Arson Canine Handler to store and produce certifications, training records, and medical records related to the canine at the scene of an incident if required.

An iPad has numerous features that will improve the Arson Canine Handler's efficiency. The device contains a built in camera that will allow the Arson Canine Handler to take photographs of evidence and directly attach them to his/her reports. Additionally, the storage capacity is such that the Arson Canine Handler can maintain a large volume of electronic media that can be reproduced in hardcopies almost anywhere.

The canine used by the LAFD Arson/ Counter Terrorism Section was provided by the Department of Justice, more specifically, by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). As such, the Arson Canine Handler is required to maintain continual records for every training session and fire scene deployment of the canine. The records are then electronically sent to the Department of Justice in Washington D.C. An iPad will allow the Arson Canine Handler to document and store the records in one location and will provide him/her with the ability to send them to the Department of Justice more efficiently and without delay.

The member understands and agrees to be personally responsible for establishing and paying for a data account with Verizon Wireless to use the 3G connection, as it is not covered as part of the donation. iPads are not available through the city budget, and therefore have not been previously requested. The total cost would be \$529.00, and includes free shipping. Please see the attached copy for specifications. An iPad 2 would increase the efficiency of the Canine Handler in processing documentation and evidence. It will also enable him/ her to quickly share information.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Michael A. Greenup, Commander

Arson / Counter Terrorism Section

Approved Denied



## LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT FOUNDATION

### **Grant Request Form**

Date: January 16, 2013

Amount Requested: \$550.00

Contact Name: Battalion Chief Michael Greenup

Phone: 213-893-9800

E-mail: Michael.greenup@lacity.org

Type of funding request (name of program or equipment):

iPad for Arson Canine Handler

Provide a brief description and the need for the program/equipment/service (use attachment if needed): See attached

Is there a fiscal impact to approving this request? (Maintenance costs, monthly service cost, extra equipment or services etc.). Please describe: See attached

Has this program/equipment/service previously been requested through the city budget? No

If yes, list the most recent date of submission and the result: If no, explain the reason why it

was not submitted: See attached

What objectives will be accomplished if the funding is granted? See attached

Commander's Signature

Captain II Signature

Please attach an itemized list for the expenses or a quote from the equipment manufacturer on the vendor's letterhead including model numbers and total units needed. Upon approval, the foundation will pay the vendor directly.

Any questions regarding Foundation procedures can be directed to the Los Angeles Fire Foundation at 310-552-4139.

You may submit your request by email to <a href="Mailto:Karen@supportlafd.org">Karen@supportlafd.org</a>, or by fax to 310-552-9052

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### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What payment methods can I use?

You can pay in a variety of ways, including credit/debit cards, Barclaycard Financing Visa card, Apple Store Gift Card, and Bill Me Later. You can also use a cashier's check, money order, or wire transfer — just call an Apple Representative at 1-800-MY-APPLE for more information. Learn more about Payment & Pricing.

### How is sales tax determined for my order?

The tax listed on the Cart and Checkout pages is an estimate. Your invoice will reflect the final total tax, which includes state and local taxes, as well as any applicable fees. Learn more about Payment & Pricing.

#### What financing options are available?

You have two choices: Pay no interest for up to 12 months with the Barclaycard Financing Visa card, or buy now and pay later with Bill Me Later.

#### When will I get my items?

There's a delivery estimate below the items you chose to have delivered. This tells you when we expect your items to arrive. You'll receive an email with delivery information when your items leave Apple.

There's a 'Pick Up' date below the items you chose to pick up at the Apple Store. You'll receive a Pickup Notification email when each item becomes available. If the item is marked "In Stock" it will usually be available at the Apple Retail Store within an hour.

### How do I return a product?

If you're not completely satisfied with your purchase, we have several easy return options for you. Our newest option is one that allows you to return an item directly to your local Apple Retail Store. If that's not practical, you can always just send it back to us. We'll even pay the shipping for you. Click the Account link at the top of this page and select Returns for