

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM:** Fire

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
October 14, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Donation of Fire Engine

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors approve the donation of a surveyed Fire Engine to Bouse Fire District in Bouse, Arizona

**BACKGROUND:** The Fire Department, as part of our on-going engine replacement program, is disposing of a 1988 Ford KME Fire Engine, #89-407, VIN # IFDYD80U5KVA03695, Lic. # 270872, and requests the donation of this fire engine to Bouse Fire District in Bouse, Arizona. We received a request from the rural, all volunteer fire district for an engine to replace their 1968 fire engine that a needs major repairs. Bouse Fire District will be responsible for the transfer of the vehicle from Riverside County Fire Department.

Departmental Concurrence

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John R. Hawkins, County Fire Chief

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ N/A	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	For Fiscal Year:	

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b>	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** APPROVE

BY:   
Robert Tremaine

**County Executive Office Signature**

Dept's Recomm.:  Consent  Policy  
 Per Exec. Ofc.:  Consent  Policy

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Fire District Board  
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Fire Chief John Hawkins  
Riverside County Fire Department  
210 West San Jacinto Ave.  
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Chief Hawkins,

I have been the chief of our rural, all volunteer fire district for 6 months. My apparatus fleet includes a 1968 GMC/Tasc 750/750 with a gas motor and standard transmission. My second out engine is a 1974 Ward LaFrance 1000/1000 diesel auto, 1980 GMC 350 130/250 gas/auto rescue truck, a 1995 Ford F 750 300/2000 diesel auto which the department built 2 years ago and a 2000 Ford F 250 pickup truck which we use for EMS responses.

The engines and rescue truck were donated by other departments. Unfortunately, these trucks were in rough shape when they arrived. Last week, the 1968 (first out engine) responded to a brush fire and would not go into pump. The crew was able to manually place it in pump by crawling under the engine. It was later determined the electric pump shift had failed. Hale states they have not produced that part of almost 10 years and I have been unable to locate a replacement. Manually placing the engine in pump requires crawling halfway under the engine, which places the firefighter laying on the ground in front of the rear wheels. The handle to manually shift the pump is located close to the exhaust pipe. It is not possible to build an extension on the handle as it would interfere with the driveline. Our Ward has a leaky steel water tank which our district has had patched twice. Each time, a new rust hole develops. We had a new rust hole develop last spring, but it has self plugged, for now. This engine also needs to have some tranny work performed, but runs for now. We have been quoted \$65,000.00 to repair this truck to reliable status.

I had been informed that your department recently removed the Ford/KME engines with jump cabs from service. I was wondering if you and your chain of command would consider donating one of those engines to our fire district. We have the ability to perform preventative maintenance on trucks which arrive in good condition. We unfortunately do not have the money to perform major repairs or refurbishment.

I appreciate your consideration of our situation.

Respectfully,

*John Novak*  
John Novak - Fire Chief  
Bouse Volunteer Fire District