



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date: July 30, 2012

To: Michael Culpepper, Acting City Manager

From: Susan Leirstein, Purchasing Director
William S. Nelson, Fire Chief *WLN*

Subject: Donation of retired 1992 Spartan-Darley fire pumper

Background

Over the past 4 years, the fire department has disposed of retired apparatus through several bid processes. Five apparatus were sold for prices ranging from \$5,609 to \$13,160. These apparatus were from 20 to 25 years old and in varying operational states. The next fire apparatus scheduled to be disposed of is a 1992 engine which is currently being used as a reserve. This engine is in average condition considering its age and usage. This engine will be replaced with another engine that is in the process of being removed from front line service.

The Oakland Fire Training Institute (OFTI) is the vocational branch of Oakland Community College that provides both pre-service and in-service fire training programs. The OFTI is housed at the Combined Regional Emergency Services Training Center (CREST), a training site which consists of typical residential, commercial, and similar buildings and other features which provide realistic training for fire service, law enforcement, and similar responders. The CREST facility was built with donations, a grant, and limited capital funding from the college. All training material is donated by area departments and consists of older outdated equipment. Over the years the OFTI has received fire and law enforcement vehicles that were donated by Farmington Hills, Novi, South Lyon, Bloomfield Township, Waterford Township, Madison Heights; and Oakland County. The OFTI is in need of a fire pumper for use at the CREST facility.

Troy has enjoyed an excellent working relationship with the Oakland Fire Training Institute and the CREST facility. Troy partners with the OFTI in the basic firefighter academy (Firefighter I/II) which holds a number of the academy classes at the Troy training center. This makes it more convenient for Troy volunteer firefighters to attend. The OFTI also permits five firefighters per academy session from Troy to attend at no cost, while other departments pay \$1,400 per person to attend the academy. The OFTI has agreed to increase the number of Troy firefighters that may attend the academy at no charge to seven for the next three years in recognition of the donation of the fire apparatus

Emergency services' training is provided in Oakland County in a very cost effective manner due to the partnership between OFTI and the area departments and the sharing of resources.



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Recommendation

City management recommends that the 1992 Spartan-Darley pumper (vehicle #32) be donated to the Oakland Fire Training Institute, with title transfer, for training use at the CREST facility.