

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 12/26/01
Department Name: Fire
Department No.: 031
Agenda Date: 1/22/02
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: John M. Scherrei
Fire Chief

STAFF Andy Rosenberger, Division Chief
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SUBJECT: Paula Ferguson Donation

Recommendation:

That the Board of Supervisors authorize acceptance of Emergency Response Equipment valued at approximately twenty eight thousand dollars (\$28,000) as a donation to be used by the Fire Department for Hazardous Materials Emergency Response.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

With the Board's authorization, Mrs. Paula Ferguson will be donating personal protective equipment for the Hazardous Materials Unit (HMU) of the Santa Barbara County Fire Department. HMU regularly purchases and utilizes equipment of this nature for responding to hazardous conditions of an unknown type. Some of the items donated are: *Saranex Level A protective suits, spark-resistant shovels, chemical resistant boots, Haz Cat kits* (which allow a trained person to categorize unknown chemicals into areas of hazard and in most cases identify the specific chemical), *sampling jars, etc.* Such equipment is costly and will be utilized with HMU's response actions.

The Fire Department is very appreciative of Mrs. Ferguson's offer and recommends the Board approve this acquisition.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Acquisition of this equipment will enhance response capabilities.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None.

Special Instructions:

Please send a certified copy of the minute order to the attention of Rose Pueschel, Fire Department.

Concurrence:

County Counsel
County Administrator
Risk Management
Auditor-Controller

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
(Required approvals and signatures)

ATTEST:
MICHAEL F. BROWN
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By _____
Deputy Clerk

Dated _____