

Donation of Surplus Fire Equipment to Riverside Sister City Ensenada, Mexico

Fire Department

City Council August 19, 2025



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BACKGROUND

Ensenada, a port city of 460,000 in Baja, Mexico, became Riverside's third Sister City on March 9, 1976. It is an important fishing and commercial hub, home to four universities, produces 90 percent of Mexico's wines, and is one of Mexico's most important tourist destinations.

Ensenada's relationship with Riverside is characterized by arts and cultural exchanges as well as public safety exchanges. Riverside frequently donates decommissioned fire and police equipment to the police and fire departments of Ensenada.



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Surplus Identified:

Recently retired fire vehicles and equipment removed from service

Condition & Use:

No longer suitable for City use but remain fully functional

Ensenada's Need:

Critical shortage of fire apparatus and emergency equipment

Strategic Benefit:

Strengthens international partnership and supports public safety abroad

Logistics:

Ensenada Fire Dept. to handle and fund transportation

Council Requirement:

Donation requires City Council approval under Resolution No. 22576



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DISCUSSION

Body Type	Type 3 Brush Engine
Asset Number	E292
Make / Model	International 4900
Year	1995
Miles	37,908
Original Purchase Price	\$143,526.00
Lifetime Maintenance Cost	\$220,456.35
Estimated Value	\$4,500-\$6,000



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Body Type	Rescue Squad
Asset Number	E326
Make / Model	Ford F450
Year	2004
Miles	133,916
Original Purchase Price	\$102,187.57
Lifetime Maintenance Cost	\$224,977.34
Estimated Value	\$4,000-\$6,000



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Body Type	Rescue Squad
Asset Number	E350
Make / Model	Ford F550
Year	2006
Miles	133,771
Original Purchase Price	\$112,317.98
Lifetime Maintenance Cost	\$222,894.80
Estimated Value	\$5,000-\$7,000



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Body Type	Utility Vehicle
Asset Number	C843
Make / Model	Ford F150
Year	2002
Miles	117,694
Original Purchase Price	\$23,310.04
Lifetime Maintenance Cost	\$30,551.17
Estimated Value	\$5,000-\$7,000



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Body Type	Utility Vehicle
Asset Number	C954
Make / Model	Chevrolet Tahoe
Year	2005
Miles	185,016
Original Purchase Price	\$32,846.51
Lifetime Maintenance Cost	\$41,153.73
Estimated Value	\$6,000-\$8,000



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Body Type	Command Vehicle
Asset Number	C1040
Make / Model	Chevrolet Suburban
Year	2007
Miles	144,401
Original Purchase Price	\$75,743.38
Lifetime Maintenance Cost	\$81,398.49
Estimated Value	\$9,000-\$10,000



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DISCUSSION

Fire Equipment
SCBA
Extrication
Rescue
Hand Tools
Salvage
Nozzles
Hose
Appliances
Foam





See Attachment A for a full list of equipment

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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Authorize the donation of surplus fire equipment to the City of Ensenada Fire Department.



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