

PORT OF SEATTLE
MEMORANDUM

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Item No. 6e

ACTION ITEM

Date of Meeting August 10, 2010

DATE: June 30, 2010

TO: Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer

FROM: Randy Krause, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 3640, First Reading. Declaring Port Firefighting Vehicle POS #052, Engine #712 as Surplus.

Value of this transfer: \$7,000 - \$9,500

Source of Funds: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:

Resolution No. 3640 First Reading. Declaring certain personal property surplus for Port of Seattle purposes: One Port firefighting vehicle, a 1986 Darley Fire Engine, POS #052, Engine #712, is surplus and further declaring that said property should be transferred to the Puget Sound Skills Center.

SYNOPSIS:

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (the Airport) cannot adequately protect the people we serve nor preserve its property without a fully trained and equipped Fire Department. To ensure fire equipment is fully functional, the Fire Department follows a replacement cycle. After new fire vehicles are purchased, tested, and placed in service, then the oldest vehicle is designated surplus for use elsewhere.

The Port plans to transfer one 1986 Darley Fire Engine, Serial No. 423876-DARLEY, with an estimated value between \$7,000 and \$9,500 to the Puget Sound Skills Center (PSSC), one of 13 skills centers in Washington State and located just west of the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in Burien, WA.. The PSSC is a specialized secondary education program offered by the Highline School District, which provides career, technical and academic programs in 18 fields, including Fire Services.

The Port has a close working relationship with the PSSC, which is part of the Highline School District and draws students from the Federal Way, Tahoma and Tukwila School Districts, as well as Highline. A number of Port staff have partnered with instructors at the PSSC to provide assistance and real life examples to heighten the education experience for students at the Skills Center. One of the longest and most fruitful partnerships has been between the Port Fire

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Department and the Center's Fire Services program. The Port Fire Department continually finds ways to support the program and the transfer of the Darley Fire Engine is just the latest example.

BACKGROUND:

The Port of Seattle Fire Department has declared surplus to its needs the following item:

Used Structural Firefighting Vehicle, described as a 1986 Darley Fire Engine, Serial No. 423876-DARLEY, estimated value between \$7,000 and \$9,500.

Pursuant to the Fire Department Apparatus Replacement Master Plan, this vehicle has exceeded its useful life as a first line response and/or reserve vehicle. A replacement vehicle, previously authorized for purchase by Commission on September 4, 2009, has been received, tested, accepted and is now in service.

The PSSC continues to express a financially restricted need for surplus fire trucks. The current Structural Firefighting vehicle that this apparatus will replace is out of service and in desperate need of replacement. The Port's transfer of the Firefighting Vehicle to the PSS would respond to that need.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:

The asset has fully depreciated and the net book value is zero. There is an estimated value of \$7,000 and \$9,500, open to a limited market for resale.

TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE SUMMARY:

Surplus the vehicle to the PSSC benefits the regional economy by supporting a public vocational education program to train future firefighters and associated fire service personnel and reducing PSSC's costs. As part of the Airport's supportive community commitment, it is important that the Port finds ways to be supportive of all of its neighbors, including the local schools. The transfer of the fire engine demonstrates the Port's continued commitment to its role as a good neighbor.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS:

Alternative 1 – Surplus Fire Engine #712 to the open market: No one entity has expressed a need for an aging Structural Fire Engine and the cost to transport is prohibitive. This is not the recommended alternative.

Alternative 2 – Surplus Fire Engine #712 to the PSSC for its Fire Services program: This alternative allows us to augment and enhance the Port's ongoing vocational partnership with the PSSC. This is the recommended alternative.

OTHER DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS REQUEST:

- Resolution No. 3640.