

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the in-kind donation of one Thermite RS-3 remote fire-fighting vehicle to the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD).

Recommendation for Council action:

ACCEPT the in-kind donation of In-Kind Donation of one Thermite RS-3 remote fire-fighting vehicle by the Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation (LAFDF) in the value of \$277,671.58; and, THANK the donor for their generous donation.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board of Fire Commissioners (Board) reports that that there is no fiscal impact to the LAFD's budget from the acceptance of this donation, which comes with a three-year extended warranty. Donations provide the necessary items meeting the needs of the respective fire stations or administration sections. Replacement or repair of items meeting City specifications and LAFD needs may be borne by General Fund, subject to budgetary constraints.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On November 10, 2020, your Committee considered an October 21, 2020 Board report relative to the in-kind donation of one Thermite RS-3 remote fire-fighting vehicle to the LAFD. According to the Board, the LAFDF has donated an innovative remote fire suppression device called the Thermite RS-3, with a plow attachment, to the LAFD. The RS3 is a firefighting robot that will be used for various large-scale emergency scenarios that are too dangerous and put firefighters into harm's way. The RS3 also has the ability to be used in certain Urban Search and Rescue incidents. The RS3 can be used to assist with commercial building fires, blazes involving combustible metals, hazardous materials incidents, barricaded suspects who start building fires and oil refinery fires. The RS3 will be housed with certified Urban Search and Rescue firefighters and will be deployed at the discretion of the incident commander. The LAFD is the first municipal fire department in North America to receive a RS3, manufactured by Howe & Howe Inc. The value of the RS3 and Plow attachment is \$277,671.58. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of accepting the donation. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES

BUSCAINO: YES
RYU: YES
LEE: YES

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