

# VENTURA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Board of Directors  
Ventura County Fire Protection District  
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## **SUBJECT:**

Approval of the Ventura County Fire Protection District's (Fire District) Donation of a Surplus 2007 Ford F-450 Crew Cab with a Squad Body to the Ventura County Community College District's (College District) Oxnard College Fire Technology Program for Its Firefighter Teaching and Training Purposes; and Authorize the Fire Chief, or His Designee to Execute an Agreement with the College District to Release the Fire District of Liability Associated with the Donation.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Approve the Ventura County Fire Protection District (Fire District) to donate a surplus 2007 Ford F-450 Crew cab with a squad body to the Ventura County Community College District's (College District) Oxnard College Fire Technology Program for the purpose of teaching and training current and future firefighters on the conditions that College District execute an assumption of risk/release of liability agreement (Exhibit 1) and be responsible for completing necessary registration and transfer documentation.
2. Authorize the Fire Chief (or Designee) to execute an agreement with the College District to release the Fire District from liability associated with the donation (Exhibit 1).

## **FISCAL IMPACT/MANDATES:**

The estimated value of this Ford F-450 Crew Cab is \$5,000. The loss of the possible revenue from the surplus sale of this vehicle is far outweighed by the benefits of the donation. By donating to the Oxnard College Fire Technology Program, the truck will

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**Providing protection and preservation of life, property and environment to:** The Cities of Camarillo, Moorpark, Ojai, Port Hueneme, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, and the unincorporated areas of Ventura County.

continue to benefit the Ventura County Fire Protection District and Ventura County communities by supporting and improving instruction for future firefighters that will protect and serve Ventura County and its several incorporated cities.

**DISCUSSION:**

Each year the Ventura County Fire Protection District (Fire District) budgets for the replacement of older vehicles with newer models, thus enabling the Fire District to adhere to its standard vehicle replacement plan and maintain the readiness of the fire fleet. The Fire District usually sells surplus fire equipment at auction. Most utility vehicles are sold to other public fire departments or private individuals through the customary auction process.

Oxnard College, a part of the Ventura County Community College District (College District), has operated a fire technology program since the college was founded in 1975. Its fire technology courses currently serve 250-300 students per month. The fire service-related curriculum prepares students to enter the field of fire technology as firefighters, fire prevention officers, emergency medical technicians, and fire protection system engineers. The College's Fire Technology Program and its in-service courses are designed to provide firefighters with continuing education in fire technology and advanced-officer training. The addition of this utility vehicle to the College's Fire Technology Program will enhance the training and learning opportunities afforded to students, which includes several that will go on to protect and serve Ventura County and its several incorporated cities.

The donation will be contingent on (i) the College District agreeing to execute the attached assumption of risk/release of liability, which will release the Fire District of liability associated with Oxnard College's use of the surplus vehicle; and (ii) Oxnard College agreeing to be responsible for the registration and transfer documentation (County Vehicle No. 6443, VIN No. 1FDXW46P47EB45124). Accordingly, the Fire District requests your Board delegate to the Fire Chief or his designee the authority to execute the attached assumption of risk/release of liability agreement (Exhibit 1).

The County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel have reviewed this Board letter. If you have any questions, please call me at (805) 389-9704 or Assistant Chief John Spykerman at (805) 389-9728.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Lorenzen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Lorenzen  
Fire Chief

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Attachment: Exhibit 1 – Risk/Release of Liability Agreement