City Council Staff Report

DATE: June 3, 2015

SUBJECT: APPROVE THE DONATION OF TWO (2) HURST JL-150 CUTTERS, ONE (1) X-TRACTOR CUTTER, ONE (1) MAVERICK COMBI, AND TWO (2) HYDRAULIC POWER UNITS TO THE COLLEGE OF THE DESERT REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY FIRE ACADEMY

FROM: David Ready, City Manager

BY: Palm Springs Fire Department

SUMMARY

"The Jaws of Life" hydraulic tools are carried by the Fire Department. Modern vehicle materials and processes, including the use of ultra-high strength alloy, have rendered some of the older tools obsolete. To keep up with the auto industry, new tools needed to be designed by the manufacturer with increased capabilities and have been purchased. The purchase of the newer equipment resulted in the need to surplus two (2) JL-150 cutters, one (1) X-tractor cutter, one (1) Maverick Combi, and two (2) power units. These tools have outlived their usefulness to the Fire Department and have been in storage for two (2) years. The Public Safety Fire Academy at College of the Desert has identified a need for auto extrication equipment for use at the local regional fire academy.

RECOMMENDATION:

1) Waive the Public Auction requirement in Section 7.07.020 (3) of the Municipal Code for Disposition of Surplus Property and authorize the donation of two (2) JL-150 cutters, one (1) X-tractor cutter, one (1) Maverick Combi, and two (2) power units to the Public Safety Academy at College of the Desert.

2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

The JL-150 cutters and the power units served the city for over 25 years. The X-Tractor and Maverick tool were in-service for over 15 years until we upgraded these devices.
with tools that provided increased capabilities and performance. This equipment was taken out of service and placed in storage for the past two (2) years. These Hurst tools have an estimated surplus value of $3,000 total. The donation of this equipment to College of the Desert Public Safety Fire Academy in Palm Desert would provide a regional public safety benefit. The Palm Springs Fire Department supports this regional fire training academy, has a seat on the advisory board, and hopes to hire future firefighters that have graduated from the academy. All firefighters are trained in the use of hydraulic extrication equipment and the COD Fire Academy does not have any powered extrication equipment for their cadets to utilize during the fire academy. Staff recommends that the City Council approve the donation of the surplus two (2) JL-150 cutters, one (1) X-tractor cutter, one (1) Maverick Combi, and two (2) power units to the College of the Desert Public Safety Fire Academy.

FISCAL IMPACT:

While there may be a surplus value of an estimated $3000 for these tools at auction, it is anticipated that this action would better serve the community by donating the two (2) JL-150 cutters, one (1) X-tractor cutter, one (1) Maverick Combi, and two (2) power units to the College of the Desert Public Safety Fire Academy. The Fire Department will deliver the surplus equipment to College of the Desert.

Blake G. Goetz, Interim Fire Chief

David H. Ready, City Manager

Attachments: Request for equipment from the College of the Desert Public Safety Academy Director
Dear Chief Goetz,

Thank you for informing me that Palm Springs Fire Department has a set of surplus auto extrication equipment, that pending city council approval may be available for donation to College of the Desert (COD) for training purposes.

COD’s Public Safety Academy is in need of such equipment at our Basic Firefighter Training facility located at the Roy Wilson Training Center in Thousand Palms. We stand ready to assist with any donation procedures that may be necessary.

Please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation for considering such a donation to COD.

Sincerely,

Chris Madigan
Director, Public Safety Academy
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