

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 2, 2005

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF THIRTEEN SURPLUS FIRST GENERATION AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

ISSUE: Resolution authorizing the donation of 13 surplus automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) to various volunteer organizations in the Metropolitan Washington Area.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to donate 13 surplus AEDs to various volunteer organizations.

DISCUSSION: Various volunteer organizations throughout the Washington Metropolitan area have requested that surplus AEDs, previously used by the Alexandria Fire Department, be donated for use by their organizations.

In 1995, The Fire Department purchased 13 first generation AEDs to be placed on all first responding fire apparatus. After utilizing this equipment for ten years, it has now been replaced with state-of-the-art equipment using better technology and offering lower cost of ownership and maintenance. The old AEDs which no longer meet the needs and mission of our department, still have limited usefulness in other settings.

The Alexandria Fire Department has received numerous requests from organizations which have requested that we donate this equipment for their use. These are all volunteer organizations with the exception of a military medical unit, which due to the funding constraints of their organizations, cannot afford this type of equipment. Therefore, I am recommending that these 13 surplus AEDs be donated for use by the following organizations:

Leonardtwn Volunteer Fire Department, Maryland
Linden Volunteer Fire Department, Virginia
Amissville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company, Virginia
Canaan Valley Volunteer Fire Department, West Virginia
Boy Scout Troop 698, Burke, Virginia
Maryland Army National Guard, Maryland

FISCAL IMPACT: While the AEDs have no remaining value to the City, these AEDs do have value to other volunteer organizations.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Proposed Council Resolution

Attachment 2: Letters from Volunteer Organizations

STAFF:

Gary A. Mesaris, Fire Chief

Vincent Whitmore, Deputy Chief

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, cardiac arrest wipes out the lives of 450,000 each year (by comparison, 41,000 people die in car accidents each year); and

WHEREAS, each minute that passes after your hear stops, your chance of survival decreases by 100; and

WHEREAS, when an automatic external defibrillator (AED) is used within a few minutes, it increases survival rates by 80%; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Fire Department as 13 surplus AEDs that were purchased in 1995 and still have limited usefulness; and

WHEREAS, various volunteer organizations have requested the donation of AEDs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution authorizes the City Manager to convey thirteen of the Fire Department's surplus AEDs to the following organizations:

Leonardtwn Volunteer Fire Department, Maryland
Linden Volunteer Fire Department, Virginia
Amissville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company, Virginia
Canaan Valley Volunteer Fire Department, West Virginia
Boy Scout Troop 698, Burke, Virginia
Maryland Army National Guard, Maryland

ADOPTED: November 9, 2005

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk

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LEONARDTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

22733 LAWRENCE AVE.

P.O. BOX 50

LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND 20650

August 17, 2005

Vince Whitmore, Deputy Chief
Alexandria Fire Department, Station 204
900 Second Street
Alexandria, VA. 22314

Dear Chief Whitmore:

It has come to my attention that your Department has a used Life pack 300 AED with charger and batteries available for donation. Please accept this letter as a request for those items. My Department currently has an older AED that has served us well, however the manufacturer will no longer support annual testing of the unit at the end of this year. The unit you are offering will allow Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department to continue to provide early defibrillation during cardiac arrest events. As you know, with the increasing popularity of AEDs, the citizens of the community have come to expect this type of service delivery. The unit you are offering will allow us to continue to provide this life-saving service while minimizing the financial burden on our Department. I would like to thank you and the Alexandria Fire Department for considering us in acceptance of this unit.

Sincerely,



GERALD GARDINER JR
Chief



**Linden Volunteer Fire Department
Company 4
P.O. Box 96 - Linden, Virginia 22642**

August 19, 2005

Deputy Chief Vince Whitmore
Alexandria Fire Department
900 Second Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Dear Chief Whitmore:

I am writing you on behalf of the Linden Volunteer Fire Department. Our Department was founded in December 1990 to provide Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services to the people of Linden, Virginia, Warren County, and western Fauquier County. In order to properly serve our community, our operating costs are partly funded by Warren County, Virginia, with the remainder coming from fund-raisers and donations.

We understand that the City of Alexandria Fire Department has several Lifepak 300 Automatic Electrocardiogram Defibrillators available for donation. We would be interested in acquiring up to three of these units for use on our apparatus. We of course would appreciate any number that you are willing to donate to our department. If we were to acquire this equipment, it would greatly benefit our department and community, and this donation will be used for the sole purpose and benefit of the residents and visitors of Warren County, Virginia.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please call me at (540) 636-3473.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Darr", written over the word "Sincerely".

John Darr
Fire Chief
Linden Volunteer Fire Department

Cc: John Bolland, Deputy Fire Chief, LVFD

Amissville VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE COMPANY, INC.

P.O. Box 147

AMISSVILLE, VIRGINIA 20106

Date: August 29, 2005

To: Whom it may concern

From: Chief J.B. Carter, Jr. *JBC*

Subject: Lifepak 300 disposal.

Our company would like to be considered in your disposal of Lifepak 300 defibrillators. We are currently in need of an A.E.D. for our front line engine. This unit has no A.E.D., and cannot be certified as an EMS response vehicle.

The addition of this A.E.D. would help us achieve our goal of upgrading this unit for EMS response, and have an A.E.D. available on every fire. This unit would also provide a needed tool for victims recovered from fire, and as a safety item for our firefighters.

If you have any questions please contact me at (540) 937-4218. We would like to thank the City of Alexandria Fire and Rescue you for your consideration in this matter.



CANAAN VALLEY VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT



Volunteers Proudly Serving Our Community Since 1982

8/8/05

Deputy Chief Vince Whitmore
Alexandria Fire & EMS
900 Second St.
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Chief Whitmore,

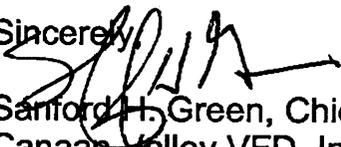
This is an official request for surplus Life Pack 300's from your department. Canaan Valley is a rural community and this donation will allow us to place AED's in the homes of some of our firefighters thus reducing response time in any cardiac event.

Please recognize Bob Metzger as my agent in this transaction. Canaan Valley VFD, Inc is a 501 C-3 corporation, tax ID 550660994.

Two Life Pack 300's will advance our mission significantly. If another is available, please keep us in mind. Our first due is over 200 square miles. You well know, time is everything during a full arrest.

We are grateful for the opportunity. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me, 304 266 1201 at any time.

Sincerely,


Sanford H. Green, Chief
Canaan Valley VFD, Inc

PO Box 545, Davis, WV 26260

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**Boy Scout Troop 698
Burke, Virginia 22015**

August 21, 2005

Douglas J. Hess
9337 Mainsail Drive
Burke, Virginia 22015

Deputy Chief Vince Whitmore
Emergency Medical Service
Alexandria Fire Department
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Chief Whitmore,

AFD Captain D. Glen Taylor, who is also an adult volunteer with Boy Scout Troop 698, notified me that your department is in the process of replacing the Department's Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) with newer models. I understand that the older models are available for donation to non-profit or charity organizations.

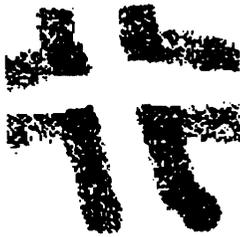
I would like to request one unit for Boy Scout Troop 698. An AED would be a very important addition to our Troop's equipment because of its lifesaving capability. As we conduct outdoor activities often far from emergency medical service, having an AED available in our Troop equipment trailer could be of vital service. Additionally, our Troop frequently participates in District camporees where many troops are present; we would notify event organizers that we have an AED available to all participants in emergency situations.

Your department's generosity is very much appreciated. Troop 698 would be very happy to receive an AED should one be available for transfer to us.

Sincerely,



Douglas J. Hess
Committee Chairman
Boy Scout Troop 698



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August 21, 2005
Deputy Chief Vince Whitmore
Emergency Medical Service
Alexandria Fire Department
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Chief Whitmore,

I understand, indirectly, through AFD Captain D. Glen Taylor, who is a volunteer with Boy Scout Troop 698 that your department is replacing older model Automatic External Defibrillators with newer models. I also understand that the older models are available for donation to non-profit organizations.

I would like to request one unit for our organization Serving at the Crossroads. SATC is a non-profit charitable foundation created expressly to improve the medical and dental health to the poorest of the poor in La Entrada, a rural area in northwestern Honduras. We are in the process of building a medical and dental clinic at this time. The need is so great that we opened a temporary clinic there. Since opening in April 2005 3,000 patients have been treated and medications dispensed. Honduran certified professionals staff this facility and the addition of an AED would greatly extend the care made available to the poor in this area.

Thank you in advance for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Sumner

*A 501(c)(3) Corporation serving medical and dental needs in Honduras.
Dr. Robert Sumner, President Tax ID# 20-0418496
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**MARYLAND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
HEADQUARTERS FIRST BATTALION 175TH INFANTRY (Fifth Maryland)
CSM Jerome M. Grollman Armory
2101 North Point Boulevard
Dundalk, Maryland 21222-1621**

SUBJECT: AEDs

To: Deputy Chief Vince Whitmore

My name is 2LT Warren Monks. I am the Battalion Physician Assistant for 175th Infantry of the Maryland Army National Guard. It has come to my attention through my Platoon Sergeant, SFC Michael Cahill, that your organization has approximately 6 AEDs that are possibly available for use by our unit. AEDs are not part of our standard issue of equipment, however our medics are trained in CPR and AED use through both their military training as well as civilian employment. This equipment would be an extremely welcome addition to the equipment sets for our four ambulances and two of our trauma sets. The AEDs would upgrade the care our medics could offer in support of both military missions and civilian missions such natural disasters. They would become an invaluable resource to us and they would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Warren Scott Monks, Jr. MPAS, PA-C
2LT, SP, BN Physician Assistant
175th IN, 3rd BDE, 29th DIV, MDARNG

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