



# City Council Report

**Date:** October 29, 2015  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** John Pombier, Deputy City Manager  
**From:** Harry Beck, Fire Chief  
Larry LaBarbera  
**Subject:** Fire Pumper Donation  
"Citywide"

## Strategic Initiatives



## Purpose and Recommendation

The Mesa Fire Department respectfully requests the City Council authorize the donation of one fire pumper to the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT).

## Background

EVIT currently has two apparatus; a 1985 Peirce Arrow open cab and a 1997 Peirce Arrow enclosed cab. The former needs extensive engine work which falls outside of their repair budget. Mesa Fire and Medical Department currently has an apparatus that has reached the criteria for replacement.

Vice Mayor Kavanaugh received a written request from the EVIT Fire Instructor and Principal for a replacement apparatus and submitted it to Chief Beck. This donation would help prepare high school students for the ever growing Mesa fire and Medical Department by giving them a head-start with training and preparation that would benefit the City of Mesa in the future.

## Discussion

The City of Mesa has donated fire trucks and equipment to other fire departments and education institutes in the past. Previous donations went to: Avra Valley Fire District, Mesa Community College, Beaver Valley Fire District, Guayamas, and the Apache Junction Fire District.

In addition to donations, the fire department also sells fire trucks and equipment that can no longer be utilized within the department due to age, mileage, and obsolescence. These fire trucks typically sell for \$5,000 to \$15,000.

The vehicle available for donation is a 1997 Pierce Quantum, 1500 gpm fire pumper. This vehicle has been in service since 1997 and has met its replacement criteria. This unit is fully operational; however, has been rendered non-serviceable by its normal use in City operations and is not cost effective to retain in service. While it cannot be used as frontline vehicle in the Mesa Fire and Medical fleet, it can be of great value to EVIT. It is the fire department's recommendation that this one fire truck be donated to EVIT.

### **Alternatives**

Council may elect not to approve the donation.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The fiscal impact of donating one fire apparatus to EVIT is minimal to the City of Mesa and the Fire Department and estimated at \$5,000 - \$15,000 revenue loss.

### **Coordinated With**

Vice Mayor Kavanaugh and East Valley Institute of Technology