

**ROSS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT
STAFF REPORT**

For the meeting of November 9, 2016

To: Board of Directors

From: Mark Mills, Fire Chief
BC Dave Stasiowski

Subject: Surplus of the 1980 GMC Brigadier tow vehicle

RECOMMENDATION:

For the Board to authorize staff to sell 1980 GMC Brigadier tow vehicle.

BACKGROUND:

The 1980 GMC was purchased from the Cal Fire surplus yard for \$5000 to tow the Mobile Live Fire Trailer (MLFT) that the Department received from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program in 2003. Due to the relatively low purchase cost of the vehicle it was not placed into the depreciation or replacement schedule. The vehicle has operated well for many years, but it has reached the limits of its lifespan. Staff has developed a list of repairs needed to get the truck road worthy again:

- All new tires
- Completely new exhaust system
- Windshield wipers motor replaced
- Driver and passenger window regulators and assemblies
- Fuel injectors needed to be replaced or removed for complete rebuild
- Major oil leak from engine, causing oil to leak on exhaust manifold that causes a large amount of smoke to fill up the cab, and increasing chance of fire.
- Suspension needs to be rebuilt
- Truck needs to be smog checked and repairs made to pass the certification
- Truck needs to pass a 90 BIT Inspection

The total for all of the repairs, replacement of tires, and suspension rebuild will be well over \$20,000.

DISCUSSION:

The vehicle has exceeded its lifespan, has a number of mechanical issues and would cost four times the purchase price to repair. The only use of the vehicle was to transport the MLFT to other agencies for joint training opportunities. If the vehicle is not replaced, the Department will have to require outside agencies that request the MLFT, to provide its transportation to and from the training site. In order to replace the

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vehicle with something that is meets California DOT exhaust requirements and has a number of years of service life left on it, the replacement cost would be in the \$35,000 - \$50,000 range. The tow vehicle is not utilized that often at this point. Possibly, in the future a cadre of instructors could be trained and additional uses for the MLFT could be developed as a revenue stream which would justify the cost of the replacement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If the vehicle is sold for junk the proceeds will be added to the Vehicle Replacement fund until such time as a replacement is needed. The fiscal impact would be negligible (less than \$1000). If the vehicle is replaced a separate staff report concerning the purchase would be developed and presented for Board approval.