

**ROSS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT
STAFF REPORT**

For the meeting of March 8, 2017

To: Board of Directors

From: Engineer Rick Rosecrans
Mark Mills, Fire Chief

Subject: Surplus of Interspiro SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus)
Equipment

RECOMMENDATION:

For the Board to receive the report, discuss and authorize staff to surplus and donate SCBAs to Firefighters Without Borders.

BACKGROUND:

In 2014, the Ross Valley Fire Department received a \$309,959 Assistance to Firefighters Grant to replace our aging and outdated SCBA's (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus). The SCBA's were no longer serviceable, and had reached the end of their lifespan. The inventory of SCBA equipment includes: 37 back plates with harnesses, 58 facemasks, 4 RIC packs, specialty tools for maintenance, and 93 compressed air cylinders. The Department's intention was to sell this used Interspiro SCBA equipment, but these attempts have been unsuccessful. During the past few years, an overwhelmingly large number of used SCBA's have flooded the market, in part due to numerous agencies in Marin County replacing their SCBA's. Additionally, attempts to sell the equipment to SCBA distributors and volunteer organizations have been futile.

DISCUSSION:

The staff proposes we surplus the used SCBA's through a donation to Firefighters Without Borders or other charitable organization.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There would be no fiscal impact to the Ross Valley Fire Department.

Attachment: Letter from Firefighters Without Borders

AGENDA ITEM # 7
Date 3/8/17



THE MISSION OF FIREFIGHTERS WITHOUT BORDERS CANADA IS TO ASSIST THE EMERGENCY SERVICE AGENCIES OF DEVELOPING NATIONS, BY HELPING TO IMPROVE THEIR ABILITY TO EFFECTIVELY PROVIDE A HIGHER LEVEL OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO THEIR COMMUNITIES.

March 3, 2017

Ross Valley Fire Department.

My name is Angel Landaverde Member of Firefighters Without Borders. Our mission is to assist developing countries with donations of used fire apparatus, ambulances, and firefighting and medical equipment. We also deploy to these countries to deliver training in a wide variety of firefighting and medical subjects. We have delivered 20 training deployments to date in El Salvador, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Mexico and Guatemala. We have also delivered 20 fire trucks and ambulances to the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, and Peru. In addition, we have delivered over 50 tons of firefighting and medical equipment to Belize, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines and Guatemala.

We are a group of current and retired firefighters and other interested individuals. We volunteer our own time to do the work of FWB, and pay our own airfares for deployments. Since forming in 2008, we have expanded across Canada and USA.

We have a long list of partner companies and agencies that assist in getting this equipment to the countries we assist.

With this letter, we would like to approach the Ross Valley Fire Department to request any possible donations of used SCBA's. Any items donated to FWB would become our property and absolve RVFD of any liability. We in turn donate this equipment to the countries we assist with the agreement that there will be no liability and that the receiving country is responsible for the care and maintenance of the equipment.

If RVFD is able to donate any equipment or apparatus to us, we will then begin the process to collect it and have it shipped to one of the countries we assist. Please feel free to share this request letter with any other agencies in your area as well that may want to be part of this program.

The apparatus and equipment we donate goes to countries that are much less fortunate than we are here in North America. We provide training on the equipment we donate and it is eagerly received in these countries, and will see many more years of use.

Our website can be found at www.fwbcanada.ca

If you have any questions about our organization or this request letter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely;

Angel Landaverde
Firefighter/Paramedic