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CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

01-053

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

FEBRUARY 12, 2001

Since August of 2000, the Fire Department has been actively advertising an outdated aerial truck for sale. Council authorization to proceed with a tendered offer is requested at this time.

SUBJECT:

SALE OF DES MOINES
FIRE DEPARTMENT
RESERVE APPARATUS,
1983 SNORKEL

FISCAL IMPACT -

The sale will result in \$30,000 being returned to the City of Des Moines general fund.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
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RECOMMENDATION -

Authorization for the Fire Department, through Purchasing, to proceed with the sale of a 1983 Snorkel aerial apparatus.

SUBMITTED BY:

RON WAKEHAM
FIRE CHIEF

BACKGROUND -

The Fire Department presently maintains and staffs six ladder trucks in a front-line status. The Tri-Data Corporation study of the Fire Department in 1997 recommended we retain all six ladders and place a seventh in reserve for necessary fill-in during repairs. Of the six in service, five were aerial ladder trucks and a sixth was a truck with an articulating boom, (the Snorkel). Fire Department Administration decided that when new trucks were purchased, an older aerial should be kept for a reserve, due to their ease of operation and similarity to existing apparatus, and the Snorkel should be sold.

Two new 75' aerials were purchased in September of 1999 and the Department began efforts to sell the Snorkel.

Through efforts of sealed bids, ads in fire related magazines, and finally on-line listing services, the Fire Department has secured a

bid consistent with the value of the apparatus.

The Snorkel is 19 years old, contracted for manufacture in 1982, and received in 1983 at a price of \$309,000. We placed the truck for sale on-line at a price of \$30,000, deemed appropriate by other advertised equipment. The ad has run from December 13, 2000 until present, received 488 hits, and one interested buyer.

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