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council memo

March 12, 2019

TO: Marion City Council
CC: Marion City Manager, Lon Pluckhahn
Marion Deputy City Mgr., Amanda Kaufmann
FROM: Deb Krebill, Fire Chief
RE: Request to donate fire helmets

Exhibit(s): (none)

On March 07, 2019, Fire Chief Jerrod Wellik of the Newton Fire Department (Newton, Iowa), sent out an email to the Iowa Professional Chiefs Association, stating that he had a Newton business owner (restaurant – “La Cabana”) that requested used firefighting turn-out gear for a small town in Mexico, whose fire department 12 members have little to no firefighting gear. The business owner, Kimberly Lopez Santillan, will be traveling to visit family in that region and would like to be able to provide firefighting gear to their department.

We have had numerous helmets in storage that we have been slowly selling on GovDeals, as per city policy. The old-style, 2006 helmets were not selling well on the website. We were only averaging \$3.00 per helmet. Therefore, the total cost of this donation could be estimated at less than \$50.00. There will be no shipping costs, as the requestor stated they will make arrangements for pick-up.

Other fire departments in the state are also donating old gear. I am in favor of having the gear donated to our brothers/sisters in Mexico to help to keep them safer from the dangers of the job.

Please vote in favor of the resolution to donate 12 expired (per NFPA standards) helmets to the City of Degolloda, Jalisco in Mexico.