

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners


**DATE:** December 12, 2023

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution declaring certain firefighting equipment surplus; waiving, by a two-thirds vote of Board members present, the procedure for disposition of surplus property; authorizing the donation of firefighting equipment to the Bomberos de San Jose de las Matas, Dominican Republic; and authorizing the County Mayor to execute a foreign firefighting entity donation agreement, to exercise any and all other rights conferred therein, and to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the foregoing

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez.

  
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Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Statement of social equity required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present , 2/3 membership , 3/5's , unanimous , CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) , CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) , or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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12-12-23

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT SURPLUS; WAIVING, BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT, THE PROCEDURE FOR DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT TO THE BOMBEROS DE SAN JOSE DE LAS MATAS, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A FOREIGN FIREFIGHTING ENTITY DONATION AGREEMENT, TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN, AND TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE FOREGOING

**WHEREAS**, the firefighting equipment described in section 1 below was purchased and is currently owned by Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, the firefighting equipment is obsolete and cannot legally be used by another County department, a municipality in Miami-Dade County, or an eligible community-based organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to declare the firefighting equipment surplus; and

**WHEREAS**, section 2-11.2.1(b) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida ("Code") provides a procedure for the disposition of County surplus property; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 2-11.2.1(d) of the Code, the Board may waive such procedure by a two-thirds vote of the Board members present and may donate surplus firefighting equipment to a foreign governmental entity upon a finding that the property is obsolete and cannot legally be used by another County department, a municipality in Miami-Dade County, or an eligible community-based organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bomberos de San Jose de las Matas, Dominican Republic (“Donee”) is a foreign governmental entity and desires to use the firefighting equipment to enhance its ability to provide firefighting training services for the purpose outlined in the attached foreign firefighting entity donation agreement and surplus property allocation application,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that:

**Section 1.** This Board finds that the following firefighting equipment is obsolete and cannot legally be used by another County department, a municipality in Miami-Dade County, or an eligible community-based organization:

<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Condition</u></b>	<b><u>Estimated Value</u></b>
20 jackets	Obsolete	\$1,300.00
20 pants	Obsolete	\$975.00
25 hoods	Obsolete	\$125.00
25 gloves	Obsolete	\$625.00
30 boots	Obsolete	\$750.00
20 suspenders	Obsolete	\$0.00
20 helmets	Obsolete	\$625.00

**Section 2.** This Board declares such equipment, with the listed residual value and other characteristics, to be surplus pursuant to chapter 274, Florida Statutes, and section 2-11.2.1 of the Code.

**Section 3.** By a two-thirds vote of Board members present and pursuant to subsection (d) of section 2-11.2.1 of the Code, this Board authorizes the waiver of the procedure for the disposition of County surplus property set forth in subsection (b) of section 2-11.2.1 of the Code, and hereby donates the equipment set forth in section 1 above to the Donee.

**Section 4.** The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is authorized to execute the foreign firefighting entity donation agreement with the Donee in substantially the form attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference and to exercise any and all other rights conferred therein and shall and is hereby directed to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

**Section 5.** The Donee shall take possession of the equipment within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution and shall be responsible for any and all costs of transferring the equipment. If, for any reason, the Donee fails to take possession of the equipment within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution, then this resolution shall be null and void, and the ownership rights to the equipment shall revert back to the County.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez. It was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Kevin Marino Cabrera	Sen. René García
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Eileen Higgins
Kionne L. McGhee	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Sophia Guzzo



*República Dominicana*  
Cuerpo de Bombero de San José de las Matas



Country San José de las Matas, Dominican Rep.

Tuesday June 27, 2023.-

TO: **Members of Miami Dade County Commissions.**  
**Miami, Florida.**

FROM: **Colonel Julio Antonio Estévez Rodríguez .**  
**Comandante Gral. Cuerpo de Bomberos.**

**Topic:** Request of Structural Fire Protection Equipment for Volunteer Firefighters of the City of San Jose de las Matas.

We are requesting from Miami Dade Country a donation of fifty (50) complete personal protective equipment for structural fires (50 helmets, 50 hoods, 50 firefighter gloves, 50 structural firefighter boots, 50 bunker pants, 50 jackets) with the purpose of improving safety during the practices and training of our Volunteer Firefighters, We are a governmental entity in the city of San Jose de las Matas, country of Dominican Republic.

We appreciate the opportunity that you have given us to able to make this donation request. we will be awaiting your responsa to manage the corresponding procedures in the sending of what it is to approve; Likewise, Tte. Colonel Dionisio Quezada Nuñez (Director of Administration) are authorized to follow up.

With nothing to add. Very carefully,

Colonel Julio Antonio Estévez

Comandante Gral. Cuerpo de Bomberos de San Jose de las Matas.

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## Foreign Firefighting Entity Donation Agreement

This agreement is entered into between Miami-Dade County (hereafter "County") and\_Cuerpo de Bomberos de San Jose de las Matas Dominican Republic. (hereafter "Donee") as follows:

For and in Consideration of the County donating 20 helmets, 20 bunker jackets, 20 bunker pants 30 boots 25 hoods 20 suspenders 25 gloves to Donee, and Donee agreeing to the use and as described herein: AS IS,

Donee certifies that it is a foreign governmental entity or a foreign not-for-profit organization that provides firefighting services on behalf of a non-communist foreign government.

Donee agrees that it shall utilize the donated surplus property for the intended use specified in section no. 5 of the "Surplus Property Allocation Application", attached hereto (Attachment A). Donee understands that the donated surplus property shall not be used for live fire service and can only be used for training without live fire burns.

Donee agrees that it shall indemnify and hold harmless Miami Dade County, and its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities et. al. from any and all liability, losses or damages, including attorney's fees and costs of defense, which the County or its officers, employees, agents or instrumentalities may incur as a result of claims, demands, suits, causes of actions or proceedings of any kind or nature arising out of, relating to or resulting from the transfer of ownership, maintenance or use of the donated property or by subsequent acts by the Donee, its agents, employees, et. al., and/or the performance of this Agreement by the Donee or its employees, agents, servants, partners, principals. The Donee shall pay all claims and losses in connection therewith, and shall investigate and defend all claims, suits or actions of any kind or nature in the name of the County, where applicable, including appellate proceedings, and shall pay all costs, judgments, and attorney's fees which may issue thereon.

This Agreement is governed by and shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Florida. Donee hereby irrevocably submits in any suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any transaction contemplated hereby to the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida or if jurisdiction is not available therein, the jurisdiction of any state court in Miami-Dade County, Florida and waives any and all objections to such jurisdiction or venue that it may have under the laws of any state or country, including, without limitation any argument that jurisdiction, suits and/or venue are inconvenience or otherwise improper. Donee further agrees that process shall be served upon it or the County in any manner authorized under the laws of the State of Florida, and waives any objections that it may otherwise have to such process.



Foreign Firefighting Entity Donation Agreement

"According to section 2-1076 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, Miami-Dade County has established the Office of the Inspector General which may, on a random basis, perform audits, inspections, and reviews of all County contracts. This audit is separate and apart from any other audit by the County."

JULIO ANTONIO ESTEVEZ

Print Name of Foreign Firefighting Entity

By: Julio Antonio Estevez R.  
Signature

Date: 4/10/2023

Printed Name

Title

Miami-Dade County:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_





MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
SURPLUS PROPERTY ALLOCATION APPLICATION

COUNTY SURPLUS PROPERTY ALLOCATIONS REQUESTED THROUGH THIS PROCESS ARE NOT EFFECTIVE UNTIL APPROVED BY ACTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PURSUANT TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER

Please complete and sign the following form and submit it along with requested documents to your sponsoring Commissioner. Once accepted, the sponsoring Commissioner will submit the documents to:

Internal Services Department-Fixed Assets Manager  
2225 N. W. 72 Ave  
Miami, FL 33122

Phone: (305) 592-3752  
Fax: (305) 592-3616

1. Full legal name of the requesting organization: Cuerpo de Bomberos de San Jose de las Matas, Republica Dominicana
2. Applicant Status: (Select one of the choices below)

- Not-For-Profit or Tax Exempt
- For-Profit
- Other (specify): Foreign governmental entity
- Local Government or Public Entity

\*\*If Not-For-Profit or Tax Exempt, please attach a copy of letter from Internal Revenue Service designating status under 501c code.

3. Name and contact information for single point of contact (address, phone, fax, e-mail address, etc.): Octavio Goris, San Jose de las Matas. Phone 8099137768 or 809578943 email julioangelrodriguez762@gmail.com
4. Specify the surplus property requested (quantify, if applicable): 20 helmets, 20 bunker jackets, 20 bunker pants, 25 gloves, 25 hoods, 20 suspenders, 30 pairs of boots
5. Specify the purpose for which the surplus property will be used: Equipment donated will be use to train firefighters in the city of San Jose de las Matas Dominican Republic.

I hereby certify that all the statements made in this application are true and correct.

*Julio Angel Rodriguez*  
Signature of Authorized Representative

4/10/2023  
Date

