

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 9, 2025

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 Korps Brandweer Suriname; 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

Resolution No. R-976-25

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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(Revised)

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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 ☐, majority plus one ☐, 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) ☐, 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 _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)
10-9-25

RESOLUTION NO. R-976-25

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 KORPS BRANDWEER SURINAME; 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 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 Korps Brandweer Suriname (the “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:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Est. Value</u>
100 jackets	Obsolete	\$6500.00
70 pants	Obsolete	\$3412.50
200 hoods	Obsolete	\$1000.00
200 sets of gloves	Obsolete	\$5000.00
200 pairs of boots	Obsolete	\$5000.00
30 helmets	Obsolete	\$750.00
200 ear flaps	Obsolete	\$1000.00

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 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 Roberto J. Gonzalez. It was offered by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Marleine Bastien** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	aye
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	aye
Marleine Bastien	aye
Sen. René García	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Natalie Milian Orbis	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye
Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye
Keon Hardemon	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye
Raquel A. Regalado	aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 9th day of October, 2025. 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: **Basia Pruna**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "VMT", written over a horizontal line.

Valerie M. Toth



MINISTERIE VAN JUSTITIE EN POLITIE

KORPS BRANDWEER SURINAME

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Paramaribo - Suriname
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Fax : (597) 464000
E-mail : brandweer@sr.net; secretariaat@kbs.sr

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The acting Fire Chief of Suriname
Mr. I. Edam
Verl. Gemenelandsweg 19-21

Uw kenmerk

Uw brief van

Ons kenmerk

IE/ie
BW.no. 520/25

Paramaribo 17Junie, 2025

Onderwerp

To: Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department. Miami Florida

Bijlage(n)

United States of Amerika

Dear Chief and Esteemed Members of the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department,

The acting Chief from the fire department of the Republic of Suriname, extends his warmest greetings and sincere appreciation for the life-saving work and unwavering commitment demonstrated by your department in serving your community.

As part of our continuing efforts to strengthen emergency response services in Suriname, we respectfully reach out to explore the possibility of assistance from your esteemed department in the form of donated firefighting gear, equipment, tools, and, if available, fleet support.

Our fire brigade across the country operate under limited resources and, in many instances. These men and women face increasing challenges in responding effectively to emergencies. particularly due to outdated equipment and a lack of sufficient protective gear.

Therefore, we would be extremely grateful if your department would consider donating any of the following items, either new or decommissioned but still operational:

- * Firefighter protective gear (helmets, turnout jackets, pants, boots, gloves)

Such contributions would have a meaningful impact on the safety of our firefighters and the communities they serve. Should this request be favorably considered, our Ministry will take responsibility for coordinating logistics and covering the cost of transportation to Suriname.

We would be honored to collaborate with your department to identify a pathway for this possible donation and remain at your disposal to provide any additional information or documentation required.

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Thank you in advance for considering our request. We look forward to the opportunity to strengthen ties between our institutions in the spirit of international cooperation and solidarity.

With highest regards



Mr. Imrick Edam

Fire Chief Suriname Fire Department

Telephone +597 8597818

Email: pemmieir@gmail.com

Foreign Firefighting Entity Donation Agreement

This agreement is entered into between Miami-Dade County (hereafter "County") and KORPS BRANDWEER SURINAME (hereafter "Donee") as follows:

For and in Consideration of the County donating fire fighters protective gear to Donee, and Donee agreeing to the use and as described here: 100 coats, 70 pants, 200 pairs of gloves, 200 hoods, 200 pairs of boots, 200 pairs of ear laps and 30 helmets.

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."

KORPS BRANDWEER SURINAME

Print Name of Foreign Firefighting Entity _____

BY:  _____
Signature

June 5th 2025
Date: _____

Rene Pika

Printed Name

Consul General of Suriname in Miami

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: KORPS BRANDWEER SURINAME
2. Applicant Status: (Select one of the choices below)

☐ Not-For-Profit or Tax Exempt Local ☒ Government or Public Entity
☐ For-Profit

X Other (specify): Foreign Governmental Agency

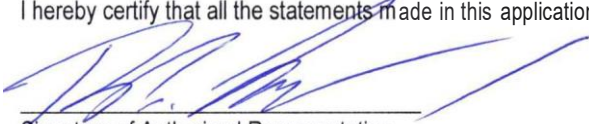
**If Not-For-Profit or Tax Exempt, please attach a copy of letter from Internal Revenue Service designating status under 501c code.

3. Name and contact information for single point of contact (address, phone, fax, e-mail address, etc.):
Rene Pika
7205 nw 19th street suite 302 ,
Miami Florida 332126,
renepika@gmail.com

Specify the surplus property requested Fire fighter protective 100 coats, 70 pants, 200 pairs of gloves, 200 hoods, 200 pairs of boots, 200 pairs of ear laps and 30 helmets.

4. Specify the purpose for which the surplus property will be used:
to effectively train firefighters with proper protective gear.

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



Signature of Authorized Representative

June 5th 2025

Date