

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

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

DATE: May 5, 2026

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 Benemerito Cuerpo de Bomberos de la Republica de Panama; 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-404-26

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



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**
- Requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3’s present , 2/3 membership ____, 3/5’s ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 2/3 members present but not less than 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 9 votes (2/3 membership) _____) 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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5-5-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-404-26

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 BENEMERITO CUERPO DE BOMBEROS DE LA REPUBLICA DE PANAMA; 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, Benemerito Cuerpo de Bomberos de la Republica de Panama (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>
30 coats	Obsolete	\$1950.00
30 pants	Obsolete	\$1462.50
30 hoods	Obsolete	\$150.00
30 sets of gloves	Obsolete	\$750.00
30 pairs of boots	Obsolete	\$750.00
30 helmets	Obsolete	\$750.00
30 ear flaps	Obsolete	\$150.00

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 and the Co-Sponsor Senator René García. It was offered by **Marleine Bastien**, who Commissioner moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by **Vicki L. Lopez** and Commissioner upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of May, 2026. 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.

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Yuval E. Manor

Foreign Firefighting Entity Donation Agreement

This agreement is entered into between Miami-Dade County (hereafter "County") and *Benemérito Cuerpo de Bomberos de la República de Panamá* (in English, Meritorious Fire Department of the Republic of Panama) (hereafter "Donee") as follows:

For and in Consideration of the County donating 30 Coats, 30 Pants, 30 Helmets, 30 Hoods, 30 Gloves, 30 Ear flaps, 30 Boots 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.”

Benemérito Cuerpo de Bomberos de la República de Panamá (in English, Meritorious Fire Department of the Republic of Panama)

Print Name of Foreign Firefighting Entity

By: 
Signature

Date: 19-2-2024

Coronel Victor Raul Alvarez V.

Director General,
Benemerito Cuerpo de Bomberos de la Republica de Panama
Title

Printed Name

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: Benemérito Cuerpo de Bomberos de la República de Panamá

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

- Not-For-Profit or Tax Exempt
- For-Profit
- Other (specify): Foreign Non-Profit Organization
- 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.):

Coronel **Victor Raul Alvarez V.**
Director General, Benemerito Cuerpo de Bomberos de la Republica de Panama
Apartado, 816-07753, Panama. 1. Rep. De Panama.
asuntosinternacionales@bomberos.gob.pa
+507 512-6441 | 512-6400

4. Specify the surplus property requested (quantify, if applicable):

- 30 Coats
- 30 Pants
- 30 Helmets
- 30 Hoods
- 30 Gloves
- 30 Ear flaps
- 30 Boots

5. Specify the purpose for which the surplus property will be used: Surplus property will be used for training purposes without live fire burns. Your donation will help build morale and make us better equipped to serve our community.

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



Signature of Authorized Representative



19-2-2026

Date



Benemérito Cuerpo de Bomberos de la República de Panamá

Panamá, 15 de enero de 2026
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Members of the Miami-Dade County Commissioners

Miami, Florida

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Benemérito Cuerpo de Bomberos de la República de Panamá, we respectfully submit this request for the donation of structural fire protection equipment.

This request is made with the purpose of strengthening the safety conditions during training and operational preparedness of our firefighting personnel, contributing to the enhancement of emergency response capabilities in our institution.

The requested equipment includes personal protective gear for structural firefighting, such as helmets, face hoods, gloves, firefighter boots, pants, and jackets, which are essential to ensure the safety and effectiveness of our members during training activities and emergency operations.

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity provided to submit this donation request and remain attentive to coordinating the corresponding procedures required for its evaluation and, if approved, for the shipment process.

Thank you in advance for your kind support and consideration.

Sincerely,

Coronel

Víctor Raúl Álvarez V.

Director General

Benemérito Cuerpo de Bomberos de la República de Panamá

