

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA: SEPTEMBER 3, 2013

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS TO REPLACE EMERGENCY ALERT SIREN

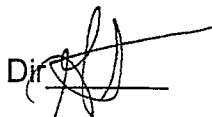
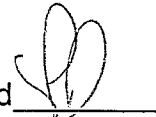
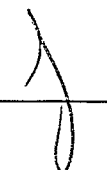
SOURCE: FIRE DEPARTMENT

COMMENT: American Legion Post 20 and the Porterville Exchange Club have raised funds in an effort to replace the emergency alert siren that had been a function of the Fire Department until 1994 or 1995. This siren provided back-up notification of an emergency to off-duty firefighters and announced the ceremonial "Moment of Silence" during the annual Veterans' Day Parade. When the Fire Station converted to a single-phase electrical system, it could no longer support the three-phase alert siren and it was decommissioned.

American Legion Post 20 and the Porterville Exchange Club have raised \$3,000 to cover costs of all materials and equipment required to replace the earlier system with a modern alert notification device that is compatible with existing infrastructure within the Fire Department. If approved, the Department will purchase all supplies and materials with the donated funds and install the system for operation and use prior to Veterans' Day, November 11, 2013.

The anticipated use of this system is similar to the one it replaces. It could be used as back-up notification for off-duty firefighters if the department's primary paging system were to fail and would also serve a ceremonial purpose to announce the "Moment of Silence" during the annual Veterans' Day Parade.

Municipal Code Article IX, Section 18-90.6: Noise Source Exemptions provides for "safety signals, warning devices, and any mechanical device, apparatus or equipment used, related to, or connected with emergency activities or emergency work." The installation and operation of the siren is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) as replacement of a previously existing emergency siren.

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RECOMMENDATIONS: That the City Council:

1. Accept the \$3,000 donation from American Legion Post 20 and the Porterville Exchange Club; and
2. Authorize staff to purchase and install all necessary materials and equipment.

ATTACHMENTS: Request letter, Porterville Exchange Club



August 26, 2013

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Honorably Mayor and Council Members:

On behalf of the Porterville Exchange Club and American Legion Post 20, please accept this donation of \$3000, for the express purpose to purchase and install an emergency alert horn to replace the system that was removed from Fire Station 1 around 1993-1994.

The alert system will be used ceremoniously each year during the Veterans Day Parade and could be used in the event of a local disaster or emergency alarm. As you all know, we have one of the oldest running and well attended Veterans Day Parades. Due the very welcomed but large crowds, noise prevents all parade goers from observing the moment of silence.

As Patriotic and Civic minded clubs, we felt that a gift like the emergency alert horn would help to make sure we take that moment to pay our respect to all of those who have served our Country with Dignity and honor.

We ask the Porterville City Council to accept our generous and patriotic donation to the City or Porterville and all of its Citizens .

Respectfully

Felipe A. Martinez
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Mission Statment

Exchange is a group of men and women working to make America a better place to live through one national project, Prevention of Child abuse and other community service projects