



**CITY OF POMPANO BEACH**  
**Broward County, Florida**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A DONATION OF A 1996 PUMPER FIRE TRUCK TO THE BENNDALE, MISSISSIPPI VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City owns a 1996 Emergency One "Hush" pumper fire truck (Fire Truck); and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Truck described herein is no longer used by the city's Fire Department, and is hereby deemed surplus by the City of Pompano Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, the volunteer fire department that serves the community of Benndale, Mississippi, is in desperate need of a fire truck; and

**WHEREAS**, this donation, under these circumstances, provides for the most cost effective way to dispose of the Fire Truck and for greater protection of life and property; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1.** Donation of the Fire Truck to the Benndale Volunteer Fire Department located in George County, Mississippi, is hereby authorized.

**SECTION 2.** That the Interim City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and sign on behalf of the City such title documents, bills of sale or other documents necessary to transfer ownership of the Fire Truck to the Benndale Volunteer Fire Department.

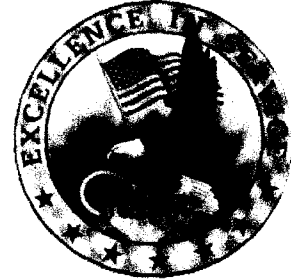
**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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**LAMAR FISHER, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**MARY L. CHAMBERS, CITY CLERK**



# Memo

**To:** Phyllis Korab, Interim City Manager  
**From:** Harry L. Small, Fire Chief  
**Date:** November 16, 2009  
**Re:** Request to Donate Fire Apparatus

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As per our budgeted replacement schedule, we took receipt of a new fire engine this past summer. As is usually the case, the arrival of a new piece of fire apparatus calls for the disposal of the oldest unit in the inventory. Typically, this is done through the city auction process since fire apparatus manufacturers seldom take trade-ins. Unfortunately, the auction process rarely yields a significant value for the city. This year I am preparing an agenda item in the form of a resolution asking the Commission for approval to donate a retired fire department pumper to the rural Mississippi community of Benndale.

Benndale Volunteer Fire Department serves the small unincorporated community of George County, Mississippi. Benndale is a community of approximately 2,200 residents and is located about 50 miles northeast of Mobile, Alabama. Currently, Benndale is continuing to recover from Hurricane Katrina (2005) and lacks the resources to purchase an effective fire pumper. (Their existing fire apparatus is a home-built water tank and pump mounted on an old commercial chassis.) I have been regularly in touch with their fire chief, Phil King, to discuss the idea of the donation and can assure you that such a gesture from the City of Pompano Beach would be graciously received by the Benndale community. Chief King's letter is attached for your reference.

The fire engine/pumper to be considered in this resolution is a 1996 Emergency One fire pumper, City Unit # 302. This unit has a 500 gallon water tank and can pump 1,500 gallons of water/minute. All hose and equipment from this unit have already been transferred to the new pumper. This unit is in better condition than most of our older units that get replaced thus allowing us to consider such a donation.

The idea to donate our unit to Benndale came from a retired New York City firefighter that has committed his post fire service career to helping rural American communities procure used fire apparatus from larger cities. Mr. Pat Dillon has been very active over the last 7 years working through his non-profit organization, Squad Company 343, to especially help communities that were hard hit by Hurricane Katrina. (I have attached a flyer from his organization) Having participated in several community events together, I can vouch for Pat's honesty, integrity, and sincerity. As a go-between, Pat Dillon will receive no form of compensation for his involvement with this donation. He has, however, graciously volunteered to deliver the unit to Benndale. (There will be no city expense in this travel.)

While I would not rule out ever considering another donation such as this, I feel it is important to point out that this is not intended to replace the usual manner in which we dispose of our used vehicles and apparatus at auction. I would like to request that this item be placed on the regular agenda so that I can have Mr. Dillon come to the podium with me and acknowledge the donation as Benndale Volunteer Fire Department's representative.

## Harry Small

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**From:** Phillip King [benndalevfd@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2009 9:26 PM  
**To:** Harry Small  
**Subject:** Benndale V.F.D. Phillip King



Benndale Volunteer Fire Department

Lucedale, MS 39452

Chief Harry Small,

We would like to take this time to thank you for considering our department to receive a new pumper. In our community we service about 2200 people, including a nursing home, elementary school, and a head start. We also provide mutual aid to several other departments in our county. The truck we are using now is a 1978 home-made pumper that is not dependable. This truck would be a very important asset to our community and fire department. Thank you again for considering us.

Sincerely,

Phillip King, Chief

(601) 508-3832

[benndalevfd@yahoo.com](mailto:benndalevfd@yahoo.com)



## Squad Company 343

*A rolling memorial & tribute to the 343 brave men of the New York City Fire Department who made the supreme sacrifice on 9-11-01 at the World Trade Center*

**Squad Co. 343 is a rolling memorial and tribute to the 343 brave men of the New York City Fire Department, who made the supreme sacrifice on the tragic morning of September 11, 2001.**

**It is in their memory and in their names, that Squad Co. 343 is (10-08) in service to respond to the needs of children in distress and to give aid to those stricken by unexpected life crisis.**

**Whether it be a brother fireman, a child of one, a friend of one, a neighbor of one, or a fellow citizen of the community, Squad Co. 343 will respond to provide physical, emotional and financial support when ever possible to those in need.**

**Our 343 fallen brothers were heroes before 9/11/01 in both their professional lives and their personal lives. Whenever they were asked for help by family, friends, neighbors or strangers, they responded without hesitation. It is in their names Squad Co. 343 will do the same.**

**In the last words known to be spoken by Captain Patrick Brown of Ladder Co. 3 on the morning of September 11, 2001, when he was told to evacuate the North tower of the World Trade Center, Captain Brown said "we've got a job to do" and he ran back up the stairs. Squad Co. 343 will follow his inspiration.**

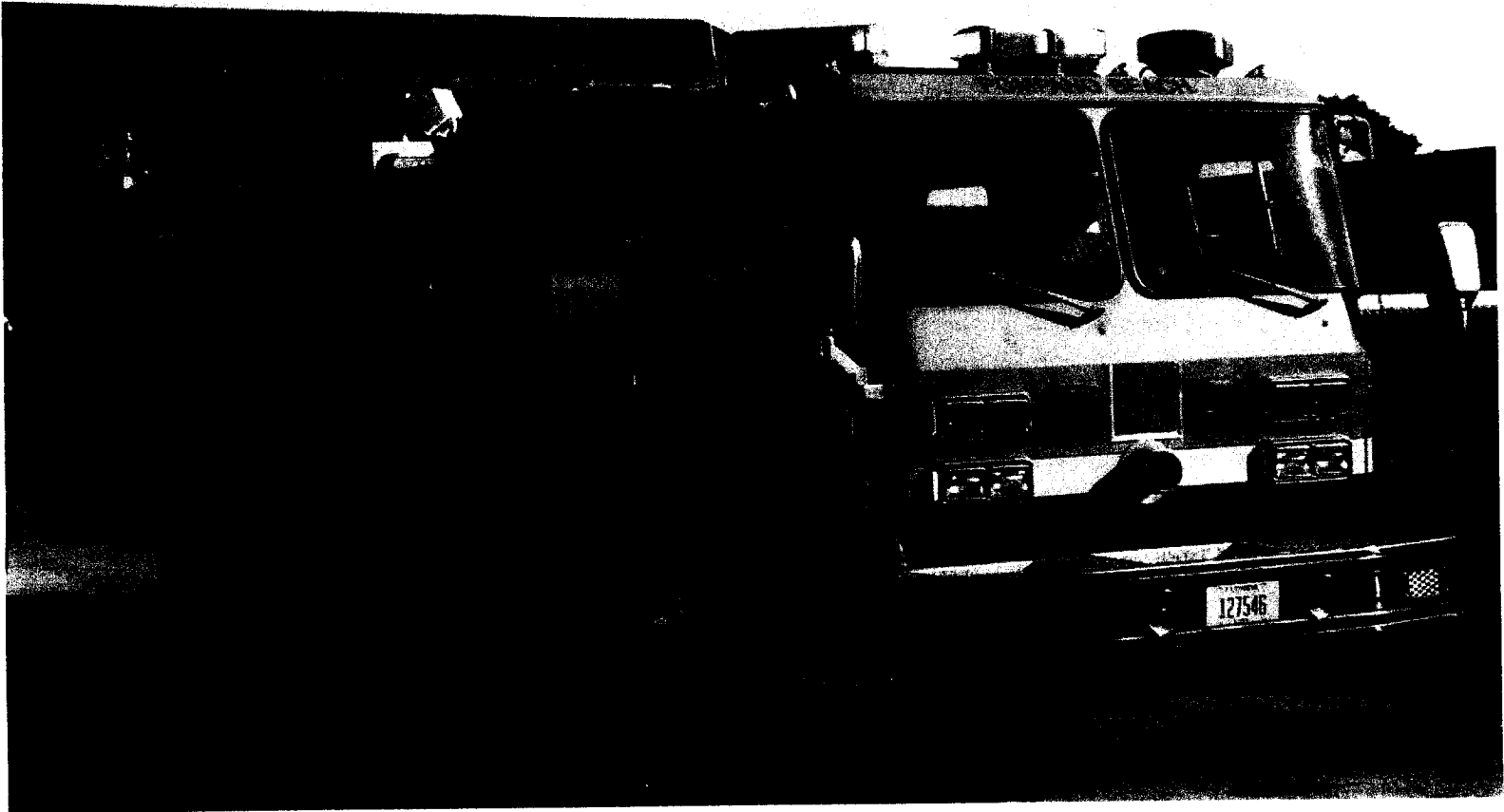
**"WE'VE GOT A JOB TO DO"**

*Any Donations to help keep this truck in service can be made out to Squad Co. 343, 141 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue #507 Dania Beach, FL 33004. 954-347-9893*

"Celebrating our 6<sup>th</sup> year of Community Service"



**"NEVER FORGET"**



**City of Pompano Beach  
Unit #302  
1996 Emergency One Fire Pumper  
Status: Out-of-Service**

# Mississippi

