RESOLUTION 2011-01

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE THE SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT TO RETROACTIVELY ACCEPT AND EXPEND GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $107,296 FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL SEVEN COMMERCIAL WASHER EXTRACTORS.

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) responds to over 100,000 incidents each year, including fires, vehicle accidents, and medical and other emergencies; and,

WHEREAS, SFFD employees wear protective clothing and equipment when responding to incidents to protect against potential exposure to toxins, contaminants, poisons, biohazards, and fluids; and,

WHEREAS, At fires and other emergency scenes, SFFD employees’ protective clothing may be soiled and may contain toxins, contaminants, poisons, biohazards, and fluids; and,

WHEREAS, Effectively decontaminating SFFD employees’ protective clothing may protect employees from possible exposure to those toxins, contaminants, poisons, biohazards, and fluids; and,

WHEREAS, The addition of seven washer extractors would compliment the San Francisco Firefighters Cancer Prevention Foundation gift to SFFD of five washer extractors in August of 2010; and,

WHEREAS, The SFFD applied for and was awarded a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant in the amount of $107,296 for the purchase and installation of seven washer extractors at SFFD fire stations; and,

WHEREAS, The grant requires the City to provide matching funds worth 20 percent of the total award, or $26,824; and,

WHEREAS, the FEMA grant requires SFFD to purchase the seven commercial washer extractors by January 16, 2012; and

WHEREAS, The SFFD wishes to accept and expend the grant, to support and promote the health and safety of its members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Fire Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Fire Department to retroactively accept and expend a grant from FEMA in the amount of $107,296 to purchase seven washer-extractors and to have them installed in Department fire stations.

Adopted at the Regular Meeting of the San Francisco Fire Commission on March 24, 2011.

Ayes: 5 (Evans, Lau, Nakajo, Breed, Hardeman)
Nays: 0

Monica Quattrin, Commission Secretary