

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

**THROUGH:** Tad Stone, Director  
Department of Emergency Services

**FROM:** Erin Sawyer, Staff Assistant IV  
Department of Emergency Services

**DATE:** May 17, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Disposal of County Asset #20110, Fire Safety House

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It is respectfully requested that the information contained herein be given formal consideration by the Emergency Services District Board.

**DESCRIPTION:**

On March 6, 2001, the Emergency Services District received the donation of a mobile fire safety house from the Vero Beach Firefighters Association and the Vero Beach Volunteer Fire Department (Attachment #1). This trailer was used for many years for Fire Prevention Demonstrations and educational activities.

For several years this trailer was stored at former Fire Station 7, located at 1215 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, which has been decommissioned. Former Fire Station 7 had fallen into disrepair and had numerous roof leaks and subsequently a severe mold & mildew issue throughout. During this time, the trailer was not used and also fell into disrepair, suffering from water and mold damage.

In 2018, the Local IAFF were notified by the Director of Emergency Services of the intent to surplus the asset, due to them being one of the original organizations that initially purchased the trailer. The Local IAFF notified the District that they had no use for the asset at that time (Attachment #2).

In early 2019, all the equipment was transferred out of former Fire Station 7 and demolition of the building soon followed. The "Fire Prevention Trailer" was moved out of the station and the Association was trying to determine if they wanted it transferred back to them (Attachment #3). Later in 2019, the trailer was sold by the Fair Association to Wayne Howard (Attachment #4) and then it was sold to Carlos Ayala (Attachment #5) in 2022. The Fair Association did not have the asset transferred from the County to them at the time of the sale. The Fair Association was one of the two parties that originally purchased the trailer and then it was transferred to the County for insurance purposes. It was the intent of the district to transfer the asset back to the original purchaser but this action never went to the Board for final disposition. At this time, staff would like to transfer the title to the Vero Beach Firefighters Association and remove asset #20110 from inventory.

**FUNDING:**

There is no funding required for this item.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board approve the transfer of title to the Vero Beach Firefighters Association and authorize removal of asset #20110 from inventory.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Agenda Item with Minutes from BCC Meeting Accepting Donation
2. Email Correspondence with Local 2201
3. Email Correspondence regarding location of asset
4. 2019 Bill of Sale
5. 2022 Bill of Sale