

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

March 24, 2022

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TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT DONATION OF SURPLUS BALLISTIC HELMETS AND BALLISTIC VESTS TO THE FIRST-IN FIRE FOUNDATION

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners APPROVE the donation of 526 surplus ballistic helmets and 378 surplus ballistic vests from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to the First-In Fire Foundation; and,
2. That the Board of Police Commissioners TRANSMIT this request to the Los Angeles City Council.

DISCUSSION

It is requested that 526 surplus ballistic helmets and 378 surplus ballistic vests be donated to the First-In Fire Foundation, President Lyn MacEwen Cohen, 137 N. Larchmont Blvd. #468, Los Angeles, CA 90004, a non-profit organization. Upon receipt, the First-In Fire Foundation will assume responsibility for the shipment and delivery of the equipment to Ukraine for use by the Ukrainian Army and the Ukrainian Territorial Defense Forces.

The helmets are stored on nine pallets while the vests are stored on six pallets. All of the pallets are ready for immediate shipping. Both surplus helmets and vests have exceeded the manufacturer's five-year warranty and are currently awaiting destruction. The equipment has no value to the LAPD. The Mayor is aware of this donation and fully supports the transfer of the equipment to aid the Ukrainian people.

The First-In Fire Foundation has agreed to the terms of the donation, which includes a liability waiver holding the LAPD and the City of Los Angeles harmless for any injuries and/or deaths that might occur as a result of the use of the donated helmets and vests.

The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

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If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Police Administrator III
Annemarie Sauer, Commanding Officer, Administrative Services Bureau, at (213) 486-7060.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michel R. Moore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

MICHEL R. MOORE
Chief of Police

Attachments



Sergeant Leon Sap
Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD)

March 23, 2022

RE: DONATION OF LAPD PROTECTIVE GEAR TO UKRAINIAN FIREFIGHTERS VIA FIRST-IN FIRE FOUNDATION

Dear SGT Sap,

As requested here is the Mission Statement of First-In Fire Foundation founded in 2008 as a 501(C)3 public benefit corporation. We are dedicated to fostering local grassroots emergency preparedness and public safety and facilitating key long-term relationships among civic leaders, elected officials, citizens and first responders who so bravely serve them.

Our Foundation can and has assisted Fire Service wherever there is need. The courageous firefighters and other first responders of Ukraine need all the help they can receive. Surely, they will be most grateful to receive the donation of protective gear from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) via the First-In Fire Foundation.

Additionally, our Foundation has a long and strong history of public service with LAPD including facilitation with Loeb & Loeb LLP on a Safety Summit "Woman in Command: in a Post - 9/11 World" featuring Chief Beatrice Girmala, LAPD, our refurbishing the back patio and rear entrance of Wilshire Division's headquarters with Park LaBrea, and the installation of a "Fallen Police Officers Memorial and Garden" at Wilshire Division.

We welcome LAPD to our mission to assist Ukrainian firefighters in collaboration with LAFD, other California Fire Departments and with the California Military Department. Point of Contact is COL(CA) Marc S. Cohen, Special Advisor CA Air National Guard, California State Guard, California Military Department, (310) 990-9055, marc.cohen@cmd.ca.gov and myself (323) 933-8164, firstinfirefoundation@gmail.com

Thank you very much for your generous donation of equipment toward this urgent humanitarian mission and with working cooperatively with Fire Service and the Military.

Sincerely,

Lyn MacEwen Cohen
President, First-In Fire Foundation

cc: COL(CA) Marc S. Cohen
Special Advisor CA Air National Guard
California State Guard
California Military Department

Steven Rosenthal, Director of Operations
First-In Fire Foundation



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CONNECTING LOCAL CITIZENS TO THEIR LOCAL FIRE STATIONS

**A UNIFIED COMMAND:
FIRST RESPONDER & COMMUNITY PARTNERS**



OUR MISSION

Dedicated to being "Friends of the Fire Department and Fire Service," the FIRST-IN FIRE FOUNDATION is sparked by a strong grass roots commitment to a well respected tradition of connecting local citizens to their local fire stations. No Station left behind. Our mission is dedication to friend-raising and fund-raising for the Fire Service and the Fire Department, its firefighters, services, and programs including the Fire Department's Adopt A Fire Station Program, Fire Safety Education, CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and Emergency Preparedness, including Pet Preparedness. Founded February 24, 2008, the FIRST-IN FIRE FOUNDATION is an independent 501 (c) (3) Public Benefit Corporation. *"First-In" is a Fire Department term meaning First Response Area.*

**Donate via Paypal at www.firstinfirefoundation.org
or donate by check to: First-In Fire Foundation
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When is the best time to prepare for an emergency? Now!

By Suzan Filipek

Fires, earthquakes, the pandemic... we have it all, which is why now — September, also known as National Preparedness Month — is the best time to prepare for an emergency or disaster.

"These are challenging times

for communities across the city and I encourage Angelenos to take emergency preparedness seriously," said Aram Sahakian, general manager of the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Dept., in advance of Preparedness Month.

President of the First-In

Fire Foundation, Lyn MacEwen Cohen, agreed.

"With an undetermined length of the pandemic, wildfires randomly sparking, our local firefighters battling in harm's way far from their homes, never-heard-of-before tornado wildfires and

looming earthquake potential, dare to prepare and ready your neighborhood NOW!" said Cohen.

Three days

Where to start? Families need food and water for at least three days. Items like candles, flashlights and batteries are key items for preparedness. Shops in Larchmont Village can help your preparedness needs, said Cohen.

First-In Fire Foundation has reached out to neighborhood councils, residents and small business groups to prepare their families for natural disasters, and also to firefighters and first responders to help meet their needs during these unexpected crises.

A top priority for fire stations is nutritious food, yet grocery shopping can be time consuming for firefighters. Added storage capacity can help: freezers for meat and chicken and more storage for dry goods, such as pasta, beans, nuts, rice and oats.

Fill the Firehouse Freezer

To support this effort, First-In Fire Foundation has launched two programs: "Fill



THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES recently launched a new campaign, "Ready Your LA Neighborhood Now," RYLAN.

the Firehouse Freezer" and "Stock the Pantry," funded by grants from Council Districts Four and Five, Olympia Medical Center and other donors.

According to Cohen, these programs are intended to thank firefighters, boost morale and give them a respite, whether it's from unprecedented back-to-back wildfire "tornadoes," man-made or natural disasters or this pandemic.

"We will get through this with a preparedness mindset," said Cohen. "We can look to the history of the American spirit to see that when America is confronted with calamity, whether 9/11, World War II, the 1918 Spanish flu or the current COVID crisis, our re-

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silience grows stronger.

"When we help each other for the good of us all, emergency preparedness becomes patriotic. This embrace protects our future. Preparedness and patriotism complement each other," she added.

Mayor Eric Garcetti is supporting a new city preparedness campaign, "Ready Your

LA Neighborhood." (RYLAN) with the Emergency Management Dept.'s Sahakian.

"Don't wait until it's too late — get prepared now," says Councilmember David Ryu. "Help your neighbor, strengthen your neighborhood and conserve our most precious resources: the firefighters themselves, our front line in a crisis."

To learn more, visit firstinfirefoundation.org or call 323-933-8164.



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Members of the Los Angeles fire and police departments joined city officials and residents for a program on emergency response preparedness during disasters.

RYLAN program promotes disaster preparedness

The First-In Fire Foundation recently co-hosted "Passion for Preparedness," a community service event to inform local residents about the RYLAN (Ready Your L.A. Neighborhood) program.

RYLAN is a free service offered by the Los Angeles Emergency Management Department that empowers neighborhoods to be more prepared for disasters by identifying primary first responders and creating response plans. The program provides information on steps during the first hour of a disaster and how to be resilient after an emergency. It can be tailored to a single block or entire district.

Marc and Lyn MacEwen Cohen, of the First-In Fire Foundation, recently hosted the RYLAN event in their home. The event was attended by Deputy Chief Ronnie Villanueva, Commander of the Los Angeles Fire

Department's South Bureau; Wilshire Division Captain Shannon K. Paulson; Aram Sahakian, general manager of the Emergency Management Department; and John Darnell, chief resilience officer for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. Also attending was Kevin James, president of the Los Angeles Board of Public Works; Carol P. Parks, community preparedness and engagement chief for the Emergency Management Department; Jackie Koci Tamayo, emergency management coordinator, Emergency Management Department; Caroline Moser, president of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council; and Martin Beck, security chairman for the Hancock Park Homeowners Association.

For information and to schedule emergency preparedness training, visit emergency.lacity.org/rylan.





