



**CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL**

**Agenda Item D  
July 20, 2009**

**SUBJECT: Approval to dispose of obsolete firefighting protective clothing by providing it to the Villa Elisa Fire Department in the Dominican Republic.**

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Fire

**CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:** 

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Novi Fire Department has accumulated many articles of used and outdated protective clothing/turnout gear that has been replaced over the years and that is no longer used by the Department. American safety standards for the firefighting protective “ensemble” are very rigid, and the equipment has become increasingly more sophisticated. The Department is obligated to regularly purchase new gear (new set of turnout gear consists of fire coat, fire pants, suspenders, boots, hood, gloves and helmet, at a normal cost of about \$1500). Once the clothing is rendered obsolete because it does not comply with current National Fire Protection Association standards, it has little or no value to the City—or frankly to any other community in this country. However, it is useable in areas outside of the United States that have a need for even outdated protective clothing.

Through a recent magazine article, the Novi Fire Department was made aware that Hazel Park FD disposed of some outdated protective clothing and equipment by providing it to the village of Villa Elisa in the Dominican Republic, which had only two fire coats and a small donated building. In the same spirit of cooperation, the Novi Fire Department would like to provide its surplus, obsolete turnout gear to the village of Villa Elisa which is still in need of additional protective clothing. There would be no cost to the City (not even shipping).

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval to dispose of obsolete firefighting protective clothing by providing it to the Villa Elisa Fire Department in the Dominican Republic.**

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Mayor Landry				
Mayor Pro Tem Gatt				
Council Member Burke				
Council Member Crawford				

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Council Member Margolis				
Council Member Mutch				
Council Member Staudt				

