



## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 6/3/2025

\*= Mandatory, information must be provided

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**\*Title:**

Donation of Surplus Property

**\*Introduction/Background:**

The Arivaca Fire District (AFD) is requesting the donation of a surplus four-wheel drive Chevy Silverado that has met its end of life and is designated for auction.

**\*Discussion:**

The vehicle will be used as an adaptive response vehicle, a wildland response vehicles, and as a backup vehicle for the Fire Chief when needed.

Beyond emergency responses, the vehicle would also be used for various tasks around the station and within the district, significantly improving overall operational capabilities.

The AFD serves a community of under 500 with a median household income of \$31,791 and a 34% poverty rate. These factors put a constraint on tax revenue, requiring AFD to use external funding, grants, and donations to acquire essential equipment and upgrades. Without that assistance, there is risk of operational equipment failure.

**\*Conclusion:**

The donation of a four-wheel drive vehicle to the Arivaca Fire District will benefit and improve operational capabilities and reserve primary vehicles for other tasks.

**\*Recommendation:**

Fleet Services recommends the donation of the surplus vehicle to AFD, improving their operation capabilities and better serving their community

Donation of County surplus property would require unanimous approval from the Board of Supervisors per BOS D29.11.

**\*Fiscal Impact:**

The estimated revenue of this asset at auction is \$5,500.

**\*Board of Supervisor District:**

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Date: 5-8-2025

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RE: Donation of 2011 Chevrolet Silverado four-wheel drive vehicle

Dear Ms. Leshner

The Arivaca Fire District is in a rural/remote area of Pima County. We became a district in 2009 to serve our community. Our district encompasses 14 square miles, and our population is under 500.

Arivaca substantial poverty, evidenced by a \$31,791 median household income and 34% poverty rate (US Census Bureau, 2023) constrains our tax revenue. Taxes, which constitute 54% of our \$369,240 operating budget, are projected to increase by a mere \$19,000 in real estate income over the next two fiscal years despite a tax rate hike. EMS billings come in second at 27%, donations are 3%, and everything else totals 16% (including subscriptions, paramedicine, burn permits, wildland income, and workman's compensation insurance refunds). Despite operating within a constrained budget, the AFD requires external funding to acquire necessary equipment. Without grant assistance and donations, we face the foregoing of essential upgrades, risking the operational failure of our current equipment.

We are requesting the 2011 Chevrolet Silverado four-wheel drive to use as an adaptive response vehicle, a wildland response vehicle for both crew and single-person deployments, and as a backup vehicle for the Fire Chief when needed. As you know, a pickup truck is incredibly versatile and would be a valuable asset to our fire district and the community we serve.

The rough road conditions and thick vegetation in many areas we serve often make it difficult for our ambulances and traditional rescue vehicles to reach patients. This Silverado would allow us to overcome these access challenges.

Specifically, this vehicle would be invaluable for towing our trailer and transporting essential specialized gear, such as the Stokes basket and wheel, for hiking and search and rescue operations. This would also allow us to stage our ambulance in a more accessible location during calls in remote areas, preventing potential damage to our primary vehicle.

Beyond emergency responses, the vehicle would also be used for various tasks around the station and within the district, significantly improving our overall operational capabilities.

I would appreciate hearing from you, or one of your colleagues, as to how we might be considered to receive this as a donated vehicle. Please contact me at the phone and email address below so that we can follow up appropriately as necessary.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and consideration regarding our request.

Warmly,

*Tangye Beckham*

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