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Ref: Surplus Uniforms

Chief Hawkins:

In an effort to keep our facility as clutter free as possible, employees have gathered together the worn nomex uniform shirts and pants that have accumulated over time in our annex storage room. These uniforms are those that are severely worn, and those that were returned by former employees. Current assets include approximately 50 pair of nomex pants and 75 nomex shirts.

As you know, I have a contact in one of the metro fire departments that started "Gear for the Brave." This organization collects surplus equipment from fire departments here in America and delivers it to fire departments in Ecuador who are not as fortunate as those here in America. Some firefighters in Ecuador do not have turnout gear. They fight fire in jeans and t-shirts. In the fire service, we know this is very dangerous. The addition of these nomex uniforms would at least give them some degree of flame resistance.

The staff and I would like nothing more than to help our brother and sister firefighters in Ecuador by donating the old, worn uniforms currently taking up valuable space in our storage building. We would like to have this gear declared surplus by the Board of Commissioners in order that we may donate this much-needed equipment to such a worthy cause.

We thank you and the Board of Commissioners for their consideration in this matter and hope that you share with us the desire to help others.

Sincerely,

Byron Sutton
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Someone else is inevitably having a worse day than you!

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Gear For The Brave is a not-for-profit group established in Georgia, Gwinnett County in the City of Loganville, GA. We are used surplus firefighting equipment and tools to Volunteer Fire Departments in Gwinnett County. The equipment is collected from surrounding Metro Atlanta Fire Departments.

Gear For The Brave is not responsible for any injuries that might occur while using used or surplus firefighting equipment. We assume full responsibility for any injuries that might occur while using used or surplus firefighting equipment. We do not have any liability insurance. Gordon County Fire Department.

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