

NORTH WALES FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

DATE:	15 th December 2003
REPORT BY:	CHIEF FIRE OFFICER
PURPOSE OF REPORT:	To inform members of a request received to donate a surplus fire appliance to Bosnia

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In the autumn of 2002 Mr Chad Hudson of The Emergency Services (Promotions Department) Ltd, King Street, Wrexham, made an informal approach to North Wales Fire Service on behalf of the International Fire and Rescue Association (IFRA), which is a registered charity (SCO No. 033401).
- 1.2 Mr Hudson was enquiring about the availability of a surplus fire appliance with a view to transporting the vehicle to Bosnia to bolster the limited amount of firefighting equipment available to those communities.
- 1.3 Mr Hudson has previously donated two fire appliances to IFRA and these are now being used in an area of Bosnia where they are the only firefighting capability within a forty mile radius.
- 1.4 On the 22nd September 2003 Mr Hudson made a formal request enquiring about the disposal programme of fire appliances and asking for an indication of the price anticipated when these vehicles proceed to auction.

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 There will be 5 fire appliances available for disposal in February 2004 with a further 5 identified for disposal in mid 2004.
- 2.2 One of the surplus fire appliances available in February 2004 is a 13 year old Mercedes 1120 Carmichael water tender fitted with a 2250 litre per minute high pressure pump. This would seem to be a suitable vehicle for use in line with IFRA's aspirations to serve the community in Bosnia (please see attached letter).

2. **INFORMATION** (cont)

- 2.3 The vehicle in question is owned by the Fire Authority and has not been purchased via operating lease. The Fire Authority has therefore no requirement to seek any further authorisation for disposal.
- 2.4 It is anticipated that the price recovered at a vehicle auction for a vehicle of this age would be in the region of £1K.
- 2.5 The Fire Authority has previously donated redundant Personal Protective Equipment to assist with the Aid to Romania programme. (Fire Authority report 18.09.2000 refers).
- 2.6 The surplus fire appliance would be made available from North Wales Fire & Rescue Service Workshops at Llandudno Junction. Any costs for delivery from that point would be the responsibility of the new owners.
- 2.7 Full documentation (including service and vehicle ownership details) will be provided.

3. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 That Members approve the donation of one surplus fire appliance to the International Fire & Rescue Association via Mr Hudson.
- 3.2 That Members agree to the donation of this asset free of charge.