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POLICY

Gifts

The board recognizes that individuals and organizations in the community may wish to contribute additional supplies or equipment to enhance or extend the programs of the fire protection district.

Only board of commissioner's approval can accept any gift to the district of real property. Any gift to the district of money, materials or equipment having a value of \$500 or greater shall be subject to board approval. In no event shall any commitment be made by a staff member or other individual in return for any gift to the district without the board's authorization. The board shall not authorize gifts that are inappropriate, which carry with them unsuitable conditions or which shall obligate the district to future expenditures, which are out of proportion to the value of the gift. All gifts shall become district property and shall be accepted without obligation relative to use and/or disposal.

The board of commissioners may accept gifts, legacies and devices, subject to conditions imposed by the donor. Unless otherwise specified, the commissioners shall deposit such gifts in an endowment fund and shall administer the endowment fund so as to preserve the principal from loss. Only the income from the fund shall be appropriated for department purposes. The board shall provide suitable memorials for donors making gifts to the district, which become part of the endowment fund.

Any gift presented to the fire protection district shall satisfy the following criteria:

1. Purpose of use consistent with philosophy and programs of the fire district;
2. Minimum financial obligation to district for installation, maintenance and operation;
3. Free from health and /or safety hazards;
4. No direct or implied commercial endorsement.

REFERENCES

Legal Reference: RCW 52.16.150

Donations and bequests to the district