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Fontana Rotary Club Helps Transfer Surplus Fire Engines to Mexico

SAN BERNARDINO—On Tuesday, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved the transfer of two surplus fire engines to the Fontana Rotary Club so the club can transfer the equipment to needy communities in Mexico.

“I applaud the Fontana Rotary Club for always being there to help communities in need,” San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford said. “These two fire engines no longer meet stringent standards here in the U.S., but they still have years of useful life in them, and I am glad to know they will continue to protect lives and property thanks to our friends at the Fontana Rotary Club.”

The two 1991 Startan Monarch Type I Fire Engines will be transferred to the club, which will then transfer them to fire departments in Mexicali and San Felipe with the help of local Rotary Clubs. The equipment no longer meets NFPA 1971 “Standard on Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting” or Fed-OSHA CFR 1910, Subpart L. Therefore, the fire engines are not useable by any local or state entities.

This is the second time the Fontana Rotary Club has helped transfer surplus fire engines to a fire department in Mexico. In 2016, the club requested and received a surplus 1986 Ford F-350 Type VI Fire Engine that it transferred to the volunteer fire department in Zacapu, Mexico.

“Rotary Club is all about making a difference and helping those in need, and when our club got word these two communities needed fire engines, we worked with our partners in San Bernardino County to make it happen,” Fontana Rotary Club President Daniel Vasquez said.