

Proposal to Obtain a Vending Machine

Issue

Current vending machine the dollar bill changer does not work and is not in a state to be able to be repaired and is only able to accept cans.

Proposal

Purchase independent vending machine for station.

Approval is being sought for the purchase of a snack and drink combo vending machine.

Rationale

With the hours that we are in operation there are times that when we get back from a run the firefighters would like a snack or drink. In addition to this having an option for snacks and drinks for the firefighters on shift once the gas station in front of the station closes would be beneficial as well. Currently we have a vending machine for cans, but it has run into some issues and cannot be repaired for it to accept dollars.

The association purchases the drinks and keeps the machine stocked for our firefighters. This would continue to be the case for the new machine but having the options for snacks, bottles, cans and candy offers many more options.

Cost

Total cost **\$6648.00**

This can be accomplished from our current budget. We have tried on multiple occasions to find a used unit without issues and have been unable to do so. Going with the new unit we feel this will provide us the longest tenure on the machine and the options that we desire for the firefighters. It will also allow for dollars, coins and cards to be accepted.

Summary

This can be seen as a luxury item in some instances for our firefighters but on the other hand when we are back at the station after a run and cleaning up there are times that food and drink are not a luxury. Many of the gas stations close at 11p or 12a in our area. It would be necessary for a firefighter on shift to wake up their shift partner to take the truck to the gas station at that time to keep the truck in service on the overnight shifts and that is not always feasible either. The administration feels this is a beneficial item to provide our firefighters that are willing to stay overnight at the firehouse to get the apparatus out the door.