Cordova Volunteer Fire Department

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Chief Tracy Raynor 212 Chenega Avenue P.O. Box 307 Valdez, Alaska 99686 907 835-5460 traynor@ci.valdez.ak.us

Dear Chief Raynor,

I am enquiring about your surplus fire engine. We only have one front line engine with a 1250 gpm pump to respond within the city center. Our second front line engine, a 1985 Pierreville that has a 2,000 gpm pump is inoperable due to internal engine issues.

We have a 3,000-gallon water tender that is used to supply our rural areas without hydrants that is located 5 miles from our city center and would not be of much use should we have a major fire within the city center due to distance.

In the summer months we have six seafood processing facilities that range from small to very large which is why we need the 2,000 gpm capacity. Should we lose even one of those facilities to fire it would be devastating to our community.

We would like to work with you to move forward in obtaining this piece of equipment. Like most small rural communities, due to shrinking budgets, we do not have the funds to purchase a new vehicle.

In past years when we were fortunate enough to receive equipment with grant funds, we too donated our surplus equipment to other departments in need. We are hoping you will give our request serious consideration and look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael Hicks

Chief