

# Memorandum

## City of Lawrence

### Fire Medical

**TO: David Corliss, City Manager**  
**Diane Stoddard, Assistant City Manager**  
**Cynthia Wagner, Assistant City Manager**

**FROM: Mark Bradford, Fire Chief**

**Date: October 25, 2010**

**RE: Engine 10 (629)**

Background:

The Wichita Area Chapter of Pink Heals/Guardians of the Ribbon, Inc. has requested (see attachment) that the decommissioned unit be donated to them to support their mission of promoting the "Cares to Wear Pink" campaign across the State of Kansas. The Guardians of the Ribbons wear pink and drive pink fire trucks across the county to honor and support all women - healthy ones and the ones in the fight for their lives. The pink fire engines are donated, and bring love and hope for the women in each city who desperately need support. The Guardians ask organizations like the police and fire departments in each city to set the example by wearing pink, and asks the local politicians and teachers along with the citizens of each community to join the efforts as a show of support for the women throughout the country.

Current Status:

Unit 629, a 1987 engine built by Pierce is scheduled to be decommissioned with the delivery of the new engine. Typically, we place decommissioned apparatus up for sale on GovDeals. Previously, we placed a truck similar to Unit 629 for sale on GovDeals, which sold for \$6,025. Additionally, a regional used truck dealer has estimated the value of Unit 629 to be \$6,000.

Request:

Instead of placing Unit 629 for sale on GovDeals, donate to Wichita Area Chapter of Pink Heals/Guardians of the Ribbon, Inc. as requested.

Attachments



Chief Bradford, LFD

City of Lawrence:

The Wichita Area Chapter of Pink Heals, Guardians of the Ribbon, Inc. began its journey to promote “Cares Enough to Wear Pink” campaign in April of 2010. This fast growing movement of putting women first in the battle against cancer, and we do that by wearing the color Pink, to let them know WE CARE.

Guardians of The Ribbons drive pink fire trucks across the county to help spread our awareness campaign of supporting ALL women in their fight against cancer. Firefighters and Police officers wear a blue shirt 365 days a year. Our mission is to lose the blue and don the pink in honor of women for 3 days in October. We have designated three days each year, October 25, 26, and 27, for the “Cares Enough to Wear Pink” campaign.

Recently we heard that the Lawrence Fire Department, was going to de-commission one of their Fire Engines and place this vehicle on the auction block. Contact was made with Chief Bradford of the Lawrence Fire Dept. with information about the Pink Heals tour, and their

purpose and goals. The Wichita Area Chapter of Pink Heals, is asking the City of Lawrence and the Lawrence FD if they would consider donating this Fire Engine and “turn it pink” and join the Guardians of the Ribbon, Inc.

Our goal is to promote the “Cares to Wear Pink” campaign across the State of Kansas. This organization is a non-profit group and funds for this program are provided by selling shirts, hats, and by donations, to drive our Pink Engine.

We hope you would consider our request and help Firefighters and Police of Kansas with this campaign with your donation of your Fire Engine.

Richard Janne

Wichita Area Chapter

Pink Heals



