



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA SECTION	CONSENT
MEETING DATE	JULY 27, 2026

ITEM:	Adopt Resolution 2026-049, Authorizing the Acceptance of Donations to the Fire Department.		
Presenting Item: Aaron Chirpich, City Manager			
DEPARTMENT: Fire		BY/DATE: Daniel O'Brien, Fire Chief / July 22, 2026	
CORE CITY STRATEGIES: (please indicate areas that apply by adding an "X" in front of the selected text below)			
☐ Community that Grows with Purpose and Equity		☒ Engaged, Effective and Forward-Thinking	
☐ High Quality Public Spaces		☐ Resilient and Prosperous Economy	
☒ Safe, Accessible and Built for Everyone		☐ Inclusive and Connected Community	

BACKGROUND

The Columbia Heights Fire Department receives donations that support fire prevention, public education, ceremonial duties, and department operations. Donations must be formally accepted by the City Council before they are used by the department.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT STATUS

The Fire Department has received the following donations:

- A funeral casket, donated by Thomas L. Dunleavy and valued at approximately \$3,500, for use by the Columbia Heights Fire Department Honor Guard as a training aid for casket handling, ceremonial procession, and funeral honors preparation.
- An in-kind product donation from Kidde consisting of 76 Kidde DETECT 10-year battery powered combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms with a total retail value of \$4,557.72. The donation was provided through Kidde's Cause for Alarm program and the Twin Cities Donation Drive Through.

These donations will support Honor Guard training, community risk reduction, smoke and carbon monoxide alarm distribution, and general Fire Department purposes.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council accept the donations listed above, with a combined estimated value of \$8,057.72, and authorize the Fire Department to use the donated casket for Honor Guard training, the Kidde alarms for fire prevention and community safety efforts for Fire Department purposes.

RECOMMENDED MOTION(S):

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2026-49, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-049, accepting the donation of smoke alarms and a casket to the Columbia Heights Fire Department.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Resolution No. 2026-049