

CITY OF COSTA MESA
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
FIRE DEPARTMENT

DATE: November 2, 2004
TO: Deputy Chief Gregg Steward
FROM: Captain Jeff Janzen, CMFA President
SUBJECT: CMFA Fire Engine

Chief, this memo is in response to your request for information about the CMFA Fire Engine. You asked several questions, I will respond to them individually.

Describe the CMFA Fire Engine? It is a 1961 Crown pumper ID# BD-6591-783.

Who owns it? The "Costa Mesa Firefighters Association" is the registered owner. C/O Shawn Brosamer. (We had to add a name for insurance purposes)

Is it insured? It is insured by the J.C. Taylor Antique Automobile Insurance Co. The policy number is AC-51-726-710. **The policy # is not for public distribution.

Where is fueled? And who pays for it? It is fueled at area gas stations, by the individual who is operating it. The individual is reimbursed by the CMFA if the activity is approved. In the case of candidate endorsements, the fuel will be reimbursed by the CMFA - Political Action Committee.

What is the CMFA Fire Engine used for? We have used it to help out at the Fire Expo, Car shows, birthday parties, parades and now City Council candidate endorsement.
**Note: At no time is political signage on the CMFA fire engine while on City property.

Where is it stored? It is currently stored in the open apparatus bay at the Royal Palm Fire Station. The agreement with Fire Administration has been, that as long as it doesn't displace a reserve rig and it is insured, we would be allowed to store it in an open bay.

I hope this is all of the information you needed, if you want any additional information I will be glad to provide it.

Sincerely,

Captain Jeff Janzen
CMFA President

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DATE: November 4, 2004
TO: James M. Ellis, Fire Chief
FROM: Gregg A. Steward, Deputy Chief 
SUBJECT: Use of CMFA Fire Engine

The other day you requested answers to a few questions regarding the use of the Fire Associations Fire Engine. The following, along with the memo written to me by association president, Captain Jeff Janzen, will provide you with the answers you requested:

I can verify the answers given to you by Captain Janzen are correct. To provide you an addition answer to another potential question as to who made the arrangement for the association being allowed to keep their engine at a fire station, that agreement was made with former Deputy Chief Ken Soltis and I have supported it. As Captain Janzen stated in his memo, as long as the fire engine does not prevent another piece of equipment from utilizing that parking space, and as long as it is maintained and insured by the association, and as long the association continued to utilize the engine appropriately for their functions and city functions, such as the Fire Expo, they could park it at a fire station. Let me also add that the association is aware that the staffing of the association fire engine is done with off-duty personnel wearing association clothing.

I hope I have assisted you in answering your questions. Obviously, if you have any further questions I will answer them immediately.