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REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS DATED APRIL 11, 2023 – ITEM 1 – FIRE TRUCKS FOR UKRAINE

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Agenda item (number and title): PW 1 fire trucks

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Comments in writing: It is misleading to suggest that any WFPS vehicle that is replaced has zero value. If they have not suffered a rare cataclysmic failure, they are still functional. Do we not sell these at auction? Can they not be of use in smaller places in Manitoba?
Has anyone done a value analysis of this proposal? The cost of transporting vehicles to eastern Europe? Has anyone reported the actual current supply of such vehicles in Ukraine, vs the need? Do you know the value of used emergency vehicles in Europe? There are hundreds of used fire trucks for sale in Europe now, many for under $6k. In most cases a local used vehicle can be bought for less than the cost of moving yours across oceans. Keep in mind that service and parts are readily available in Europe for European trucks. There are good reasons that new Canadian and US fire trucks do not sell in Europe. Scarcity of parts would keep our old trucks out of service for months, every time something breaks or wears out. This is a bad idea.
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