



# MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Mayor and City Councilors

**FROM:** Rich Olson, City Manager  
Larry Mackey, Fire Chief

**DATE:** January 9, 2013

**RE:** Consideration - Acceptance of Fire Boat Grant

***BACKGROUND:***

On January 2, 2013, the Elizabeth City Fire Department was awarded a grant from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. The fully funded grant in the amount of \$18,556 is for the purchase of a water rescue boat to serve the needs of our area. The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation is an organization dedicated to improving the life-saving capabilities of first responders in communities served by Firehouse Subs by providing funding resources and support.

***Analysis:***

The acceptance by Council of this grant will result in the delivery to the City a 2013 18' flat bottom center console Carolina Skiff. Included with the boat are a 2013 Suzuki 70 horsepower motor and a 2013 Road King trailer. A bilge pump, horn, navigational lights, swim platform, smart tabs and front and rear deck make up the options on the boat. The boat can be used not only in the river, but also by our personnel during flooding incidents within the City. During these incidents we have placed our personnel in water depth that many deemed dangerous. This boat has an 8" draft, which will allow us to put it in service within the City streets during these flooding incidents making response for our personnel much safer. The boat will be housed at Station 2 inside of a bay area with a 4x4 pickup capable of pulling the boat and trailer already housed at the station.

The Finance Committee discussed this matter during their meeting on January 9, 2012 and recommends approval.

***Staff Recommendation:***

By motion, accept the Firehouse Foundation Grant that has been awarded to the Fire Department.