



FCM 137-2016

FIRE CHIEF MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 9, 2016

TO: All Members

FROM: Eric C. Tade, Chief of Department *ECT*

SUBJECT: DENVER EMPLOYEES COMBINED CAMPAIGN DONATIONS FOR 2017

The Denver Employees Combined Campaign (DECC) was created by Denver Mayor Federico Peña in 1988 to provide City employees with a “responsive and convenient system of charitable giving through payroll deductions.” The goal of the DECC is “to promote and support philanthropy by providing a cost-effective and employee-focused way for city employees to donate to nonprofits... Employees are able to designate their donations to one or more nonprofits through payroll deduction, cash, check, or credit card. All donations are voluntary and tax-deductible” (source: <http://www.denvergov.org/decc>).

DFD members may donate to **any** 501c3 nonprofit organization in the United States; simply type or write in the charity’s name. All recurring payroll deductions will begin in January 2017 and end in December 2017; one-time payroll contributions will be deducted in January 2017.

Here are a few of the organizations DFD members support:

The Denver Fire Department Foundation (formerly Friends of the Denver Fire Department) was founded in 2007 by a group of business and community leaders. The Foundation has helped raise over \$2.6 million through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Assistance to Firefighters and Fire Prevention & Safety grants, local foundations and private donors, and annual fundraising activities. These donations have purchased new protective gear and equipment (including bunking gear, SCBAs, and helmets), improved inspection equipment, and developed programs for the health and well-being of Denver’s firefighters including start-up funds for the physical therapy program.

Denver Fire Fighters Burn Foundation was established to educate families, emergency workers, and the medical community about burn prevention and care while providing support and recovery assistance for burn survivors and their families.

Denver Fire Fighters Relief Fund (formerly Hearts of Fire) was established for families of Denver Firefighters who wish to have a support group in times of need and to work

toward strengthening the bond among the firefighter family community. The Fund helps Denver Firefighters and their families during times of serious illness or injury.

The Denver Firefighters Museum offers exhibits on the history of Denver firefighting and innovative hands-on activities that allow visitors to interact with traditional exhibits.

The American Red Cross Mile High Chapter provides victims' assistance and disaster relief for three-fourths of the state of Colorado.

Muscular Dystrophy Association – Denver is dedicated to finding treatments and cures for muscular dystrophy, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and other neuromuscular diseases.

Two Options to Sign Up

- 1) **From your smart phone or computer (preferred method)** – Donate online in as little as five minutes. www.denvergov.org/decc by **Friday, December 9.**
- 2) **Paper form** – Attached is a paper pledge form that you can print and fill out. To donate using the paper form, please return the paper form via interoffice mail to DFD HQ Attn: PIO Tech. Melissa Taylor by **Friday, December 9.** Please do not print the paper form if you are not donating.

Attachment: DECC Paper Pledge Form with DFD-Related Nonprofits

MT:kfc/H/FCM/2016/137-2016 Denver Employees Combined Campaign Donations for 2017

DISPOSITION: Read at Roll Call for three (3) consecutive shifts.

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