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VICE PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA TO ACCEPT FIRE TRUCK DONATION FROM BROOKLYN CENTER

Liberia's Vice President Joseph Boakai will visit Brooklyn Center to accept the donation of a fire truck. A fire truck dedication will be held October 23, 2015 at 5:30 pm at the Brooklyn Center West Fire Station, 6250 Brooklyn Boulevard.

The City of Brooklyn Center is donating a 1995 Freightliner Pumper to its Sister City Voinjama, Lofa County, Liberia. Liberia continues to make progress in rebuilding its infrastructure after the civil war. Yet the country lacks life-saving fire trucks and other firefighting tools. This fire truck will improve their ability to respond to fire emergencies and improve public safety. According to Mayor Willson, "This is a great opportunity to support our Sister City in its rebuilding and public safety efforts, while extending the life of this fire truck."

The truck has been fully depreciated and has exhausted its' useful life for the City. With minor repairs, it can become a safe and operational fire apparatus, not readily available in Liberia. New Horizons Resource Group has committed to the transport of the fire truck to Voinjama.

On December 10, 2012, the City of Voinjama, Lofa County, Republic of Liberia was formally established by the Brooklyn Center City Council as a Sister City. On January 13, 2014, a Memorandum of Understanding was adopted expressing the desire to foster ties of friendship, cooperation and mutual understanding between the two cities in the areas of culture, sciences, education, health, tourism and sport. The donation of the fire truck to Voinjama is one way the City can fulfill the goal of maintaining a productive relationship, with a spirit of friendship.

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