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TO: EACH SUPERVISOR
FROM: P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

STATUS OF REQUEST FOR SUPERSCOOPERS

This is to inform your Honorable Board of the status of the District's request for the dispatch of the SuperScoopers from the Government of Quebec prior to the originally scheduled October 1, 2002, delivery date. We are currently requesting to receive the planes effective September 1, 2002.

The Government of Quebec is scheduled to meet with the Société de protection des forêts contre le feu (SOPFEU), the fire suppression agency for Quebec, this week and will not be able to respond to our request until after the meeting. The successful containment of the wildfires currently burning in several of the provinces in Quebec will be a key factor in the determination of the delivery date for the SuperScoopers.

I will keep your Board apprised of further developments. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or have your staff contact Deputy Chief Michael Dyer at (323) 881-2370.

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