

Did You Know That 65% of All Firefighters Develop Some Form of Cancer?



This can and must change. Pacific Beach Town Council's major 2018 fundraising effort is helping to provide a *healthier* and *cleaner* working environment for our Fire Station 21 firefighters in PB.

Here are four items on Station 21's Health & Safety Wish List:

1 Big Ass® Brand Extraction Fan – Cost: \$5,400.

What it does: Big Ass® fans circulate air throughout tall, large spaces, energy-efficiently and quietly. A Big Ass fan inside the station garage will clean out the air and improve comfort. Opening the louvers and turning on the fan replaces stagnant air and exhaust fumes with fresh outside air. It also provides up to 10°F (5.6°C) of perceived cooling during hot summer months.

“Just that little bit of breeze makes it feel a lot cooler. Having that air move across you makes working in the garage tolerable.”
(\$7,948 installation cost will be paid by the City of San Diego.)



Division A Firefighters of Pacific Beach

2 Commercial Washers and Dryers Designed for Fire Departments

Estimated cost: \$24,000.

Why they are needed: After each fire call, the firefighters are required to wash their fire gear. Station 21 currently has home-model-sized machines, able to wash half a uniform at a time. It's a time-consuming and minimally effective process; toxins will be much better removed using heavy-duty commercial machines that are NFPA certified.



Division B Firefighters of Pacific Beach

Twenty years ago, the hazards of carcinogens and soot were not known. Today, studies reveal the real risk of dirty turnout gear. Firefighters are twice as likely to develop testicular cancer in men, and breast cancer in women. All have significantly higher rates of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and prostate cancer, than other professionals. The proper washing of gear will help reduce those risks — ensuring the safety of firefighters and the safety of those they serve.

3 Ice Making Machine – Cost: \$2,600

Why needed: There is a small ice maker in the Station 21 kitchen, but the capacity is too small, and for loading coolers quickly, the kitchen is too far away for a rapid response. The new 310-lb capacity ice maker will be located in the Work-Station Room.

4 Construction of Work-Station Room – Cost: \$18,000 for all materials and cabinetry, plus installation.

Why needed: The firefighters do most of their own equipment repairs. Designated work space, with good ventilation, is needed for a healthy work environment. They have all their tools. They have a room that can be retrofitted.

About PBTC's Annual "PAESAN" Fundraiser



Pacific Beach Town Council's major annual fundraising event is **Police and Emergency Services Appreciation Night – "PAESAN"** – held every September. Each year we feature one of the groups – police, lifeguards, firefighters and park rangers – and fulfill their Wish List. This year PAESAN honors **SDFD Station 21 in Pacific Beach**. Their Wish List has a "Health & Safety" theme, and our goal is to raise \$50,000 to make their work environment cleaner and safer.

Have Dinner with a Firefighter!

PAESAN kicks off early in 2018 with a series of events leading up to the celebration in September. PB Town Council will be hosting dinners at Fire Station 21, prepared by the firefighters, with members of the Town Council doing the cleanup. Up to six guests will be treated to a gourmet dinner, a climb up the ladder or a trip down the fire pole. If a call comes in, you will ride along!

These dinners will be offered only to donors of \$2,400 or more. If you'd like to make such a donation and arrange a dinner, please contact PB Town Council Board member Denise Friedman at denisewfriedman@gmail.com.

Want to Help Fundraise or Donate?

You can create your own personal or team fundraising page and track your progress! Or simply make an immediate tax-deductible donation to help the firefighters of Station 21. Go to <http://www.pbtowncouncil.org/firestation21>