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NEWS RELEASE

**Mayor Faulconer and Council President Lightner
Christen New Lifeguard Fireboat to Make Waterfront
Safer for Residents and Tourists Alike**

*State-of-the-Art Vessel Doubles the Firefighting
Capability of Previous Boat*

San Diego, CA – Standing outside the San Diego Lifeguard headquarters, Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer, City Council President Sherri Lightner and Councilmember Marti Emerald joined public safety leaders to christen a new state-of-the-art lifeguard fireboat that will improve public safety along the San Diego region's waterfront.

The 38-foot vessel – called Marine 3 – will be used as a rescue boat and a dive platform for search and rescue. It also has firefighting capabilities that allow it to spray 1,200 gallons of water per minute – double the capacity of the City's existing fireboats.

“With the summer season in full swing, this new fireboat will make the San Diego waterfront safer for residents and tourists alike,” Mayor Faulconer said. “We must continue to make investments like this in public safety to ensure that our first responders have all the tools they need to keep San Diegans safe.”

Built by Canadian manufacturer Hike Metal, the Marine 3 vessel has two Volvo Penta diesel engines, the capacity to hold 12 people, a top speed of 38 miles per hour, and dewatering capability (the ability to suction water out of a sinking ship).

“I am beyond pleased to be dedicating this new firefighting boat for the City,” Council President Lightner said. “For years I have advocated for additional equipment and

supplies to assist in the City's lifesaving efforts, and it's exciting to finally see some of that come to fruition."

Marine 3 joins two other fireboats in its lifeguard fleet: Marine 1 (purchased in 2004) and Marine 2 (purchased in 1991). All three have firefighting capability. With the arrival of Marine 3, the aging Marine 2 will now be put in reserve and used sparingly.

"Marine firefighting is a particular skill and our lifeguards are very adept at it," said Fire-Rescue Chief Javier Mainar. "Having a state-of-the-art vessel like this makes their work even more effective. More than that, it improves our protection of the safety of everyone who enjoys the ocean."

Lifeguard Chief Rick Wurts said, "The addition of this fireboat will dramatically improve our ability to provide public safety on our local waterways. It is an important addition to our fleet of rescue vessels by providing enhanced capabilities for our lifeguard first responders."

MARINE 3 SPECIFICATIONS

Manufacturer: Hike Metal

Length: 38 feet

Beam: 13 feet

Load Capacity: 12 people/4,000 lbs.

Top Speed: 38 mph

Firefighting Capability: 1,200 gallons per minute

Dewatering Capability: 1,025 gallons per minute

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