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## THE NEED FOR A FIRE ENGINE FOR MOROGORO MUNICIPALITY

Morogoro was declared a Municipality in 1991 in accordance with the 1982 Local Government Act (Urban Authorities) and the Urban Areas (Declaration of Boundaries) (Amendment) By-laws, 1991. It covers an area of about 531 square kilometers or 0.73 per cent of the entire region. It has grown from a small urban area of 24,999 residents in 1967 to 287,945 people in 2008 and from 4,166 housing units in 1967 to 68,091 in 2008, out of which 468 being high raise buildings.

The municipality is easily accessible from Dar es Salaam City, Iringa Municipality, Capital city of Dodoma, and other areas of Northern and Western Tanzania through Central Railway, Tanzam Highway and Northern Roads and Air Transport, thus forming a good transportation node.

The rapid urban population growth and inadequate capacity of the Council to provide fire services and rescue operations in the Municipality call for immediate action. Currently, the Municipality has only one reliable fire engine.

Every year, fires and accidents take an average of 50 lives and destroy property worth billions of Tanzanian Shillings in Morogoro Municipality due to, among other causes:

- o The Municipality is a nodal point for collection and distribution of passenger and cargo traffic in Eastern Tanzania. More than 600 buses and fuel trucks ply the roads daily to and from other parts of Tanzania and outside the county. Many private operators of town buses serve in and around the municipality and all the main centres of the region daily.
- o There is an airstrip, which is only 10 minutes drive from the Central Business District, situated within the Municipal boundaries and serves light craft up to the size of a Fokker Friendship. The Airstrip does not have fire rescue services.

- In fairly recent years, manufacturing sector has expanded rapidly with several large establishments. The Municipality has a wide range of medium and small industries that include processing and manufacturing. Major industries are located at Kihonda Industrial complex; about 15 minutes drive from the city centre. They include Morogoro Canvas Mills, Tanzania Packaging Manufacturers (1998) Ltd., Morogoro Ceramics, Morogoro Polyester Mills, Abood soap industries, Morogoro seed oils mills, Tanzania tobacco processing company and Morogoro plastics only to mention a few. From this cause, an average of 2 industrial fire accidents is recorded after every three months.

With that background information about Morogoro Municipality, we do appreciate the decision of our Brothers and Sisters of Milwaukee to offer us one fire engine. We are looking forward to receiving the engine in the near future.

Thank you for your support and continued cooperation.



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