

The Formentera Council is preparing to reinforce its firefighting service with a €191,000 waterpump-equipped light lorry. The Balearic port authority (APB) will hand over the vehicle as part of a 2014 agreement between the agency and the Council.

Pitched as "safety enhancement" for La Savina's port, the deal covers fire prevention and extinction efforts, rescue and emergency preparedness. The Formentera Council will match the APB's material and financial support with the manpower and expertise of the island's fire brigade.

In addition to the fire engine, the Council will receive €10,000 for accessories specific to harbour operations. APB president Joan Gual de Torrella and CiF chief Jaume Ferrer made the deal official at a Wednesday September 26 signing at the agency's head office in Palma.