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**Miami Beach Firefighters Offer to Rescue Holiday Fundraiser**  
— A Key Biscayne, Florida church ordered 900 Christmas trees from New Jersey  
that never arrived —

**Miami Beach, FL** – When Miami Beach firefighters learned that the biggest fundraiser of the year at the Key Biscayne Community Church might have to be canceled because the church’s order of 900 Christmas trees never arrived from New Jersey, the first responders did what comes naturally to them every day of the year.

They sounded the alarm and offered to rescue the church’s annual Christmas tree fundraiser with little more than three weeks to go before the Christmas holiday.

‘We offered to provide them with a number of trees, and they have asked for 80, at least initially,’ explained Vice President Victor White of the Miami Beach Firefighters Benevolent Association. ‘We also decided to donate another 30 trees to help them recover.’

White, who is also the division training chief for the Miami Beach Fire Department, said the trees were purchased by the Miami Beach Firefighters Benevolent Association to raise funds for the organization’s annual holiday toy drive. They would be sold at cost.

‘We’re hoping that it’s a way for both groups to still be able to make an impact in their communities,’ White said. ‘We wouldn’t be giving up all of our trees. We’d be keeping a small amount that we would still look to sell.’

The church will be sending trucks to begin picking up the trees today, and Miami Beach firefighters will be on hand to help load them.

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