

# Upcoming Council Agenda Items

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

**DATE:** January 20, 2012  
**TO:** Members of the Public Safety Committee  
**SUBJECT:** Smoke Alarms Research Sub-Grant

We are requesting a favorable Committee recommendation for the acceptance of the Health Promotion Research Center sub-grant and the execution of the sub-contract agreement from the University of Washington (Seattle)-Office of Sponsored Programs item on the January 25, 2012 Council Agenda. This grant does not require a cash match.

The University of Washington (Seattle) - Office of Sponsored Programs (UW-Seattle) has awarded a sub-grant contract # 727925 in the amount of \$109,500 for a project titled "Health Promotion Research Center" to Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) Operation Installation Program.

In the last ten (10) years, DFRs' Operation Installation Program has partnered with the Injury Prevention Center of Dallas (IPC) to install smoke alarms in the homes of Dallas citizens. The University of Washington (Seattle) has been awarded a sub-grant under a project titled "Health Promotion Research Center" from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for a study to determine if citizens maintain their smoke alarms and whether or not the smoke alarms last 10 years.

Dallas Fire-Rescue inspectors will visit 750 randomly selected homes where a smoke alarm has been installed in the last 10 years. The devices will be tested to ensure their continuous functionality. Non-functioning smoke alarms will be replaced. Results will be submitted to the University of Washington (Seattle) and to the CDC.

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A.C. Gonzalez  
First Assistant City Manager

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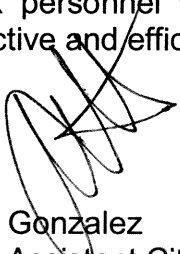
**SUBJECT:** Standard Memorandum of Agreement to provide pre-hospital Clinical Skills

We are requesting a favorable Committee recommendation for the authorization of a standard Memorandum of Agreement between the City and various Texas Emergency Medical Services training programs to provide the pre-hospital clinical skills experience item on the January 25, 2012 Council Agenda.

Texas Department of State Health and Human Services (TDSHS) requires that all levels of certification as Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) acquire certain number of hours of pre-hospital clinical skills from Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers. The required hours are achieved by "riding along" with a seasoned Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) while providing ambulance services.

TDSHS require that EMS training programs obtain a written agreement with EMS providers. Over twenty (20) EMS training programs from colleges and private schools that provides the classroom portion of training requests Dallas Fire-Rescue Department to provide the practical "ride-along" clinical skills experience.

DFR personnel will maintain professional and certified personnel to ensure the safe, effective and efficient operation of training programs.



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**TO:** Members of the Public Safety Committee

**SUBJECT:** Funding for annual certifications to the Texas Commission on Fire Protection

We are requesting a favorable Committee recommendation for the authorization to increase funding for annual certification and testing of uniformed DFR personnel to the Texas Commission on Fire Protection item on the January 25, 2012 Council Agenda.

The Texas Commission on Fire Protection was created in 1961 by the 61<sup>st</sup> Legislature and governed by Texas Government Code 419.026, as amended. The Commission requires a certification fee for all firefighters and firefighter specialties such as aircraft rescue firefighting crews, fire inspectors, fire investigators, hazmat technicians, fire instructors, initial certification for newly trained recruits along with testing fees. All certifications must be renewed annually, and the fees charged shall be paid to the Commission by the employing entity.

In August 2011, the Commission increased the fees for certifications and testing application from \$35 to \$85. This increase has resulted in more funds being needed to cover the certifications for the subsequent years than earlier authorized by the City Council on September 23, 2009 by Resolution no. 09-2371.



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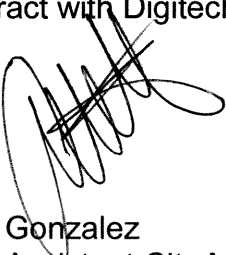
**SUBJECT:** EMS billing and collection contract

Intermedix notified the City of Dallas on October 25, 2011, of its intent to terminate its contract with the City within 90 days unless the City was willing to renegotiate the contract to either eliminate or reduce the minimum annual guarantee provision to an acceptable amount.

The City desires to change the EMS billing and collection contract and accepts the agreement for resignation and mutual release with Intermedix from the existing contract.

The City seeks authorization to enter into EMS billing and collection contract with Digitech Computer Inc. through Interlocal Purchasing Agreement with the City of Plano. Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Government Code, Vernon's Texas Code Annotated, provides authorization for any local government to contract with one or more local governments to perform governmental functions and services under the terms of said Act.

This item was briefed to the Public and Safety Committee on January 9, 2012. Seeking favorable recommendation, authorization to accept an agreement for resignation and mutual release with Intermedix from the existing contract and an EMS billing and collection contract with Digitech Inc., will be placed on the City Council Agenda for January 25, 2012.



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