

Upcoming Council Agenda Items

Memorandum



Date: September 17, 2010

To: Dwaine R. Caraway, Mayor Pro Tem, Chair and
Members of the Public Safety Committee

Subject: Upcoming Dallas Fire-Rescue Agenda Items for September 22, 2010 City Council Meeting

Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP)


Annually firefighters are required to be certified by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) in order to perform firefighter duties. In accordance with the Texas Local Government code 419.026, Dallas Fire-Rescue is requesting a three year authorization to pay for certifications that are renewed annually and initial testing fees for new firefighters as mandated by TCFP Personnel Standards and Education.

Aircraft Rescue Firefighter Training

In order for the City of Dallas to maintain operations at Dallas Love Field and Executive Airport, our firefighters must meet annual training and certification requirements set by the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA). Annual training requirements include live fire drills and advanced specialized aircraft rescue drills. Also, training to acquire the basic ARFF certification for new firefighters transferring to the airports is required. This agenda item will authorize payment to Dallas/ Fort Worth International Airport to provide Aircraft Rescue Firefighter (ARFF) training required by the FAA for three years (total amount not to exceed \$375,000) and is fully reimbursed by the Department of Aviation.

Memorandum of Understanding for Special Task Force

Authorize the City Manager to execute Memorandum of Understandings (MOU) for employees of the Dallas Fire-Rescue department to participate on various special task forces sponsored by federal, state or local governmental agencies such as Governor's Division of Emergency Management, and the Texas Council of Local Government. The MOU will allow the city to formalize relationships already established with these governmental agencies who utilize our members for task forces and deployments for disaster emergencies throughout the State. Personnel expenses related to travel, training and deployment will be reimbursed by the sponsoring governmental agency. Once executed, the Memorandum of Understanding will remain on-going unless terminated based on the terms of the agreement.


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