

Office of the Fire Chief

City of Richland Hills, Texas

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Bill Agan and members of the Richland Hills City Council
From: William M. Bell, Fire Chief
Date: March 26, 2014
Subject: Request for Authorization from the City Council to Donate LAFS Equipment and Trailer to Fire Departments in North Texas Utilizing a LAFS Program for Public Education

City Council Action Requested:

Authorize donation of the Richland Hills Fire Department's Life and Fire Safety (LAFS) public education equipment, props and trailer to regional fire departments operating LAFS programs.

Background Information:

Prior to 2010 the fire department had an active LAFS program used in public education activities directed towards young children. The program included firefighters, dressed as clowns, using props and puppets to promote fire safety. The program required a commitment from a core group of firefighters to be actively involved in preparation and practice for successful public safety presentations.

Two factors have led to the program being discontinued by the fire department. The first factor was budget reductions from 2008 through the next five years. Overtime pay for department members either participating in the program or backfilling while the programs were being presented eliminated the possibility of running a quality program. The second factor is the retirement and resignation of more than half of department members that participated in the program.

The majority of the LAFS equipment as well as the LAFS trailer were obtained through grant funds with little city funds used for actual equipment cost. For the past five years the equipment has sat idle with the only expense the replacement of the tires on the trailer in 2012.

The equipment and trailer, at this time, only takes valuable parking or storage space in the fire department. The annual Texas LAFS Conference is in May of this year and will be held in Lewisville. The attached inventory list has been forwarded to the LAFS organization asking if there would be fire departments interested in the equipment. The response was positive that they would find departments that could utilize the equipment.

Board/Citizen Input:

N/A

Financial Impact:

N/A

Staff Contacts:

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LAFS Public Education Equipment

SOUND

Odyssey rack case
Mackie 16 channel mixer
Compressor / Limiters x2
Equalizer
Dual CD Player
Power Conditioner / Light Module
DMX Operator for Lights
Power Conditioner
Power Amp
Sennheiser Wireless Mics x 6
Sennheiser Handheld Wireless Mix x 1, one transmitter O/S
JBL EON Speakers x 2
Speaker Cables EON x 4
Speaker Cable Plug Type x 1
Small Stage / Puppet Monitor with cable
Decibel Meter
Headset for Mixer Board

PUPPETS

Candle Puppet	Plant Puppet
Light Puppet	Sgt. Street Puppet
Stripped Shirt Puppet	White Haired Man Puppet
Hawaiian Guy Puppet	Shark Puppet
Fish Puppet	Jamaican Puppet
Old Man Puppet	Mouse Puppet

Puppet Stage Frame and Drapes
Puppet rods x 4

LIGHTS

4 Can Lights with T / Stand and DMX Controller x 2
Floor Pedal Light Controllers x 2
Chauve Light Pan / Tilt with Controller and cable
Small Party Light
Small Strobe Light

STAGE EQUIPMENT

Bubble Machine
Folding Chairs for Stage / Seatbelt Safety with Belts x 3
Folding Chair for Sound Technician x 1
Two Stands and Truss System for Back drops x 1
Roller Cart Small for Speakers x 1
Large Roller Cart for Accessories
One Bottle Fog Fluid

TRAILER

16 FOOT Enclosed Trailer with Rear Ramp, Side Door, Concession Window, Awning

PROPS

Canvas for Stove Scene	Fire Pot
Traffic / Crossing Lights	Bike Helmets x 2
Clown Noses	Clamps
Fish Trap	Match (lights)
Household Products Box	Match Wooden
50' Section of Hose – Line Barrier x 2	Power Cord with 2 multi plugs
Klown of Karribbean Flag	

FOAM PROPS

Wrench
Cover
Drop
Match
911
Calm
Stop
Always
Hammer
Lighter
Phone
Axe
Be
Marshmallow

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND HILLS, DONATING LIFE AND FIRE SAFETY (LAFS) EQUIPMENT AND TRAILER OBTAINED THROUGH GRANT FUNDING TO ACTIVE LAFS PROGRAMS IN NORTH TEXAS.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Richland Hills, Texas authorizes the Fire Chief to donate the Fire Department's Life and Fire Safety equipment and trailer to fire departments in the State of Texas utilizing LAFS programs for public education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS THAT:

Section 1. The statements contained in the preamble to this Resolution are hereby adopted as true and correct statements of fact and as part of the operative provisions hereof.

Section 2. The City of Richland Hills approves donation of the LAFS equipment and trailer.

Section 3. The City Council of the City of Richland Hills approves and designates William Bell, Fire Chief, to donate the LAFS equipment to a fire department in the State of Texas.

Section 4. Upon adoption of this Resolution, the City Secretary is directed to give notice of this Resolution in the manner required by law.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

Passed and approved this 1st day of April, 2014.

CITY OF RICHLAND HILLS

The Honorable Bill Agan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Cantu, City Secretary

Approved as to form and legality:

City Attorney