



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#19-1026

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: November 5, 2019

TITLE: Motion Approving the Acceptance of Equipment from the City of
Hollywood Fire Rescue Department via the Broward County Emergency
Medical Services (EMS) Grant Program in the amount of \$6,770.50 -
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the City Manager to accept a donation of equipment from the City of Hollywood Fire Rescue via the Broward County EMS Grant Program and to execute any documents required to accept the equipment between City of Hollywood Fire Rescue and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Background

Trauma is the leading cause of death in individuals under the age of 45 worldwide with uncontrolled hemorrhage accounting for the greatest number of preventable deaths. Bleeding emergencies can arise from a variety of causes, including active shooter/mass casualty events, and unintentional accidents which may occur in locations such as your home, community, or workplace. A person who is bleeding from an artery can die within three (3) minutes, while the average response time for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in Broward County is 5.2 minutes.

Despite advances in the response to intentional and unintentional mass casualty events, a gap remains in our national preparedness regarding active bleeding emergencies. The Hartford Consensus has identified three levels of responders: immediate responders (individuals present at the scene); professional first responders (pre-hospital responders); and trauma professionals (health care professionals to provide definitive care). Drawing from our national experience with mass casualty events, the immediate responder represents an underutilized resource in rendering aid between the time of injury and arrival of the professional first responder. Research has shown that bystanders, with little or no medical training, can become heroic lifesavers when equipped with the appropriate skills.

Providing bystanders (immediate responders) with basic resources and information on

the simple steps they can take in an emergency situation to stop life threatening bleeding can save lives. Similar to the public awareness campaigns encouraging bystander Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) trainings, providing hemorrhage control education (Stop the Bleed) will empower the general public to provide the lifesaving steps to stop or slow uncontrolled bleeding when and if the need arises.

Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue was part of a county-wide collaboration with 17 other municipal EMS agencies and the Broward County Trauma Centers. Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue will receive the following pieces of equipment:

- 5 Training Cubes @ \$117.50/ea. = \$ 587.50
- 5 Training Tourniquets @ \$24.60/ea. = \$ 123
- 76 Stop the Bleed kits @ \$45/ea. = \$ 3,420
- 50 Stop the Bleed Wall Mounts @ \$52.80/ea. = \$ 2,640

Participating in the national Stop the Bleed campaign will put knowledge gained by first responders and our military, into the hands of the public to help save lives. Taking into the consideration the severity of uncontrolled hemorrhage and available resources needed to improve survival, Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue believes this initiative has the potential to save innumerable lives.

Resource Impact

This action will result in a positive impact to the City. The value of the donated equipment is \$6,770.50.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

The Public Safety Focus Area

Goal 6: Build a safe and well-prepared community.

Objective 2: Provide quick and exceptional fire, medical, and emergency response.

This item advances the *Fast-Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Grant Funding Allocation Sheets

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