

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Shetter and members of the Burleson City Council

From: Gary A. Wisdom, Fire Chief

Date: March 16, 2009.

Subject: Authorize the donation of obsolete rescue tools to the Steel Creek Acres Volunteer Fire Department.

Council Action Requested:

1. To find that the rescue tools are of no value.
2. Authorize the donation of obsolete rescue tools to the Steel Creek Acres Volunteer Fire Department.

Background Information:

The City of Burleson purchased a set of Holmatro Rescue Tools in 1981. Since that time, we have purchased more of these type tools with the purchases of our new apparatus. Due to the age of the set purchased in 1981, it is no longer compatible with the new versions that we have on our first out and reserve trucks. In other words, the tools will not work with the newer power plants that we have attained over the years. This older set is no longer in service due to the "cutters" being no longer operable. The Burleson Fire Department no longer has any use for this older equipment as all of our apparatus have newer and compatible versions.

Since they are no longer needed by the Burleson Fire Department, we need to dispose of them. If the City advertises the tools for sale, the result will either be no bids or bids so low that the bids will be less than the cost of the City to go through the bid process.

We would ask permission to dispose of these tools by donation to Steel Creek Acres Volunteer Fire Department which will serve a public purpose and will not result in any expense to the City.

Steel Creek Acres Volunteer Fire Department requested this donation (see attached) and if approved, will be asked to sign a bill sale that also says that they except the tools

with any and all defects, known or unknown, and releases the City from any liability for damages that might occur related to the use of the tools. This is was on advise from our City Attorney.

To summarize:

1. The tools are not needed by the Burleson Fire Department and will not be needed in the future.
2. The tools are of little or no value to the City and need repairs.
3. If the City advertises the tools for sale, the result will either be no bids or bids so low that the bids will be less that the cost to the City of going through the bid process; and
4. City staff requests the City Council authorize the donation of these obsolete rescue tools to the Steel Creek Acres Volunteer Fire Department which will serve a public purpose and will not result in any expense to the City.

Board/Citizen Input:

NA

Financial Considerations:

There is no expenditure of municipal funds associated with this item.

Attachments:

The letter from Steel Creek Acres Volunteer Fire Department requesting the donation.

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Lisa LaFosse'. With permission from my Fire Chief Brian Busby, I write to you to request the donation of the extrication equipment to Steel Creek Acres Volunteer Fire Department, from the Burleson Fire Department.

My fire department, Steel Creek Acres, is located in Bosque County, with two main highways running through it. In our fire department, we have 30 volunteer fire fighters, 5 apparatus, (3 brush trucks, and 2 fire engines), and we cover 15 square miles.

Our runs include fire emergencies and MVA's (motor vehicle accidents) with 50% of the emergencies involving MVA's. When the unfortunate event of a MVA occurs, we do the best we can with what we have, but would like to do better. We feel with the donation of the extrication equipment from Burleson Fire Department, it would enable us to remove the injured party from the vehicle more quickly, saving life's precious seconds, seconds that could mean life or death.

Steel Creek Acres, does everything it can to protect and serve the community, to educate and raise awareness of the dangers of fire, and involve the community with the fire department, by hosting Bingo games, bake sales, fish fry's, and dances. The profit from these events covers the utilities for the fire hall, maintenance on the fire apparatus, and insurance for the fire fighters. The money that is left over is put towards the next months bills, and we start all over again.

It would be a blessing and we would be very appreciative if we were the recipients of the of the badly needed extrication equipment. Please help us to save lives more quickly.

We sincerely thank you,

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