


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	24-129	Meeting:	April 1, 2024
	Agenda Item:	28	Roll Call:	24-0502
	Submitted by:	John F. TeKippe, Fire Chief		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Authority to the Fire Chief to enter into rental use agreement with the Fire and Safety Training (FAST) fire training facility located in Urbandale and managed by the Urbandale Fire Department.

SYNOPSIS:

Authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a use agreement with the Tri-City FAST fire training facility, administered by the City of Urbandale, for use by the Fire Department following review by the Legal Department of the agreements. Further, authorize the Fire Chief to enter into similar use agreements for the benefit of the City of Des Moines upon review by the Legal Department. This authority would be perpetual until rescinded by the Council.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Up to \$10,000 per agreement as Council approved budgets allow.

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Fire Operating Budget, FD101500, General Fund, Page 100 (Academy)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The cities of Windsor Heights, Clive and Urbandale created a joint (28E) training facility that is in Urbandale. This Tri-City joint venture established the Fire and Safety Training (FAST) facility. This allowed the ability to train in a dedicated structure for firefighting skills up to and including live fire evolutions in a non-combustible building. The Tri-City facility recognizes the need of area departments to use this type of training facility and rent the facility to other area departments for their training.
- The Des Moines Fire Department (DMFD) has a long history of working with the Urbandale Fire Department on training needs. We utilize their training facility to train new employees in the basic and hands-on portions of the DMFD Academy.
- The on-going need by our training academy for active training evolutions is crucial to the development of new recruits.

- With no dedicated training facility by or in the city of Des Moines, this is a cost-effective way to conduct active skill evolutions and foster good relationships with other area departments.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Future commitments: This would be utilized each time we need to provide active training, especially during fire academies.

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