



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with International Association of Fire Fighters to provide fireground survival training, in an amount not to exceed \$81,000.

(Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

### **Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

### **Client Department(s)**

Austin Fire Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance to Firefighters Grant of the Austin Fire Department.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Professional Service.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

In order to prevent injuries, the Austin Fire Department (AFD) provides a variety of trainings. The contract is for the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Fire Ground Survival training program and accompanying training props and trailer. The purpose of the IAFF Fire Ground Survival program is to ensure that training for Mayday prevention and Mayday operations are consistent between all fire fighters, company officers, and chief officers. Fire fighters must be trained to perform potentially life-saving actions if they become lost, disoriented, injured, low on air or trapped. The training program incorporates federal regulations, proven incident management best practices and survival techniques from leaders in the field, and real case studies from experienced fire fighters. IAFF provides the most comprehensive survival skills and Mayday program currently

available and is the sole agency offering the training to become a certified Fire Ground Survival Trainer.

In 2015, AFD had a significant event where three fire fighters were injured critically at a structure fire. The techniques used at the incident to save these fire fighters were like what this program teaches and will allow AFD to train all fire fighters to a higher level. AFD has been awarded an Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant that includes funding for both the train-the-trainer course as well as the required trailer and other props for the training.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Safety.