



Public Safety Meeting

Meeting Date: June 10, 2025

New Program – After the Fire Booklet

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| Department: | Fire |
| Presenter: | Antonio Burden, Fire Chief/EMA Director |
| Caption: | To inform the Governing Body about the implementation of the “After the Fire” Booklet Program. |
| Background: | Experiencing a residential fire is a traumatic and disorienting event. In the immediate aftermath, victims are often overwhelmed and unsure of the necessary steps to take, from securing their property to navigating insurance claims and accessing support services. Currently, there is a gap in providing centralized, easy-to-understand resource that addresses these critical needs. |
| Analysis: | <p>The “After the Fire” Booklet Program aims to bridge this gap by equipping fire victims with a comprehensive guide that offers practical, actionable information during a highly stressful period. This initiative aligns with the County’s commitment to public safety and community well-being, providing a tangible resource to assist residents in their recovery process. The “After the Fire” Booklet is a concise, user-friendly guide that will be distributed by fire personnel on-scene immediately following a residential fire incident. The booklet will contain vital information and resources. Experiencing a fire can be traumatic. Even if no one is physically hurt, losing your home or possessions is deeply painful. Please know that the Augusta Fire Department stands with you during this difficult time.</p> |
| Financial Impact: | N/A |
| Alternatives: | N/A |
| Recommendation: | Information only. No action is required from the Commission at this time. |
| Funds are available in the following accounts: | N/A |
| <u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u> | Antonio Burden, Fire Chief/EMA Director |