



## **Public Safety Committee**

Meeting Date: June 10, 2025

Augusta Fire Department and Augusta Technical College Partnership: Fire & Emergency Services  
Occupation Associate of Applied Science Degree

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| <b>Department:</b> | Fire  |
| <b>Presenter:</b>  | Antonio Burden, Fire Chief/EMA Director   |
| <b>Caption:</b>    | To inform the Commission about a new partnership between the Augusta Fire Department and Augusta Technical College to launch the Fire & Emergency Services Occupation Associate of Applied Science Degree Program.  |
| <b>Background:</b> | The Augusta Fire Department and Augusta Technical College have collaborated to create a comprehensive educational program designed to train the next generation of first responders. This partnership addresses critical workforce development and public safety goals for Augusta by establishing a direct pipeline of qualified firefighters and emergency medical personnel.   |
| <b>Analysis:</b>   | <p>Program Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Program Name: Fire &amp; Emergency Services Occupation Associate of Applied Science Degree</li><li>• Enrollment: Beginning Fall 2025</li><li>• Duration: Five Terms, 62 Credit Hours</li><li>• Certifications/Licenses Upon Graduation: Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), and Advanced EMT (AEMT).</li><li>• Curriculum: Combines classroom instruction, hands-on training, and clinical experience to prepare students for entry-level firefighter and AEMT roles.</li></ul> <p>Impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workforce Development: Creates vital recruitment pipeline, ensuring a steady supply of highly skilled and certified first responders for the Augusta community.</li><li>• Public Safety: Enhances the capabilities of the Augusta Fire Department and emergency services by preparing individuals with the necessary skills and knowledge to serve effectively.</li><li>• Community Benefits: Fosters a safer and stronger Augusta by investing in the training and development of essential public safety professionals.</li></ul> |

**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

**REVIEWED AND  
APPROVED BY:** Antonio Burden, Fire Chief/EMA Director