



Subject: Council Discussion and Approval of the Implementation of an Ignitable Liquid Detection Canine for the Fire Department.

Department: Fire / EMA

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Council Meeting Date: 5/6/2024

Background/History: Forest Park Fire and Emergency Services is an all-hazards department providing services to the citizens of Forest Park and handling incidents involving fire, EMS, technical rescue, hazardous materials, and more. We also provide emergency management planning, fire and life safety education, community risk reduction, fire code compliance inspections, and fire investigations.

The department is seeking approval to implement its first-ever Ignitable Liquid Detection Canine. This will be a multipurpose canine, which will undertake tasks such as ignitable liquid detection, serve as a therapy/comfort canine among fire department personnel, and engage in community-building activities by participating in educational programs in schools or events.

The department is committed to covering all expenses related to the training, equipment, and healthcare for the canine.

Cost: \$10,000

Budgeted for: Yes No

Financial Impact: Initial start up cost of \$10,000. Yearly maintenance/preventative cost is an estimated \$4,000.

Action Requested from Council: Discussion Only Approval at Regular Meeting