



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 03/28/2023

REQUESTER: Chad Roney, Battalion Chief

PRESENTER: Jason Smith, Administrative Assistant Chief

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,620 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ELEVEN (11) TACTICAL VESTS, ELEVEN (11) FIRE PLACARDS, AND THREE (3) STORAGE BAGS FROM THE CLEVELAND COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX COMMITTEE (CCPSST) TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF NORMAN FIRE DEPARTMENT AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

BACKGROUND:

Section 8-111 of the City Code requires that the City Council accept all donations received by the City prior to the use or disbursement of same. Therefore, it is requested that Council review and consider the following items for acceptance and use by the Norman Fire Department.

The Norman Fire Department is a member of the Cleveland County Public Safety Sales Tax Committee (CCPSST). The Cleveland County Public Safety Sales Tax has been created to supplement the budget of emergency response providers in Cleveland County to help provide needed equipment for those departments.

DISCUSSION:

In 2013, the Joint Committee to Create a National Policy to Enhance Survivability From Mass Casualty Shooting Events created the "Hartford Consensus". This concept issued a call to action, providing strategies to increase survivability in Active Shooter events. The fastest possible access became the focus. The concept of Rescue Task Forces (RTF) was introduced, which was comprised of Law Enforcement (LE), Fire and Medical personnel working as teams that emphasized stabilizing patients and removing them as quickly as possible.

The City of Norman Fire Department now has a policy that follows this model and is ready for implementation. Most departments utilize ballistic vests as a secondary level of protection in addition to the protection provided by LE to facilitate the quick removal of victims. A request for funds to purchase the necessary equipment to implement this Active Shooter Policy was submitted to the CCPSST Committee for the meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. This request

was for eleven (11) tactical vests, eleven (11) fire placards, and three (3) storage bags totaling \$4,620.

The City of Norman Fire Department was awarded the funds to purchase the requested items.

Funds for these items has been received by the City and we are authorized to purchase the items and then submit proof of purchase to the CCPSST Chair, George Mauldin.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council accept the donation of \$4,620 and deposit the funds into Donations-Public Safety (account 106-363376), and appropriate the funds into Fire Suppression: Other Supplies/Materials/Firefighting (account 10664143-43122) for eleven (11) tactical vests, eleven (11) fire placards, and three (3) storage bags for the City of Norman Fire Department.