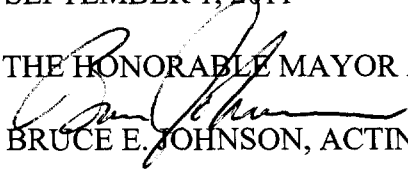


City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

**TO:** THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:**  BRUCE E. JOHNSON, ACTING CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A VIRGINIA FIRE PROGRAMS TRAINING MINI-GRANT FOR ALEXANDRIA FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING

**ISSUE:** City Council consideration of a grant application in the amount of \$10,000 from the Virginia Fire Services Board.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council authorizes the City Manager to:

- (1) Submit this grant application to the VFSB in the amount of \$10,000 for the purchase of fire training and equipment; and
- (2) Execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

**BACKGROUND:** Since August 2000, the Virginia Fire Services Board (VFSB) has overseen grants awarded from the interest earned from the Virginia Fire Programs Fund. The purpose of these mini-grants is to fund training projects and programs to improve the educational efforts of fire service agencies throughout the Commonwealth.

**DISCUSSION:** The grant application requests funding to purchase an Audience Response System and materials for a Driver/operator program, and to enroll personnel in a professional development program through George Mason University. The Audience Response System is used with PowerPoint presentations and for oral quizzes to capture audience responses to questions. This provides instructors with instant data on captured knowledge. The materials for the Driver/operator program will improve the training of our front-line personnel on the safety and operations of larger apparatus. Finally, the professional development program is a one day course provided by George Mason University.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This grant does not have a cash-match requirement. The City is responsible for the normal administrative costs associated with each grant, including financial and reporting oversight provided by the Fire Department, as well as the Office of Management and Budget, and the Finance Department.

The City applies annually for this grant and has been awarded several times since the inception of the grant program.

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