



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: October 7, 2009 CONSENT CALENDAR
SUBJECT: Approve the Purchase of a 35' Fire Safety Education Trailer with Earthquake and Extreme Weather Simulation Package.
FROM: David H. Ready, City Manager
BY: Fire Chief

SUMMARY

This action would authorize the purchase of one (1) new 2010 35' Fire Safety Education Trailer with an earthquake simulation package, funded by generous donations and financial commitments from various community partners. No General Fund money will be utilized for the acquisition of this trailer.

This Fire Safety Education Trailer enables the Fire Department to bring fire safety and earthquake preparedness educational programs directly to the elementary schools and after school facilities in the City of Palm Springs, as well as to special events throughout the Coachella Valley. Children are introduced to an interactive, hands-on learning environment where they participate in specific fire safety, earthquake and extreme weather simulations.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Approve the purchase of one (1) new 2010 35' Fire Safety Education Trailer with an Earthquake Simulation Package from Mobile Concepts by Scottie, of Mt. Pleasant, PA in the amount of \$65,014.63.
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

The Palm Springs Fire Department has been working with community partners for the past two years to secure the necessary funding to purchase a new Fire Safety Education Trailer. As a result, a total of \$70,700 has been generously donated or committed for the purchase of the trailer by the following partners on this project:

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	\$25,000
BP	\$20,000
Palm Springs Unified School District	\$10,000

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Cielo Vista Parent Teacher Group	\$ 700
Private anonymous donation	\$10,000
Private anonymous donation	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Total	\$70,700

The Fire Department will separately purchase a Honda EU6500 generator, necessary for powering all of the operating components of the new trailer, with the remaining fund balance in this account. The Palm Springs Fire Department will be responsible for the operation, maintenance, and storage of the Fire Safety Education Trailer.

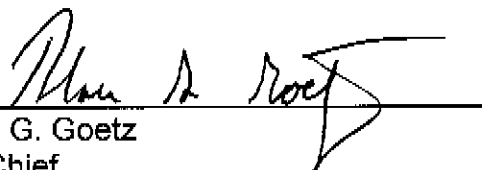
The new trailer will be used to teach fire safety and earthquake preparedness programs during Fire Prevention Week at the elementary schools in Palm Springs, safety fairs, church events, Village Fest, and the various programs held outside the fire stations throughout the year. The Palm Springs Unified School District will be allowed use of the trailer to teach elementary students at district schools that are not located in the City of Palm Springs.

The trailer promotes participation in fire safety education and earthquake preparedness through an interactive, hands-on learning environment where the children participate in specific fire safety exercises. Children will be removed from a familiar setting and immersed into an interactive experience with the instructor. Practicing fire safety and earthquake preparedness skills immediately after the presentation will assist the students in retaining the knowledge by creating a memorable and positive experience.

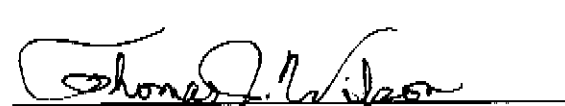
The Procurement Division conducted a competitive bid process (IFB 10-01) for one (1) new 35' Fire Safety Trailer with a bid due date of September 22, 2009. Three (3) manufacturers responded and Mobile Concepts by Scottie, located in Mt. Pleasant, PA was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for the Fire Safety Education Trailer has been generously donated to the Fire Department and is available in account number 261-3600-53036.



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Fire Chief



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for City Manager