



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date:

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Item Creation Date:

HFD-FY21 Texas Commission on Fire Protection

Agenda Item#:

Background:

The Fire Chief recommends that City Council approve a motion authorizing payment to the Texas Commission of Fire Protection (TCFP) for recertification of firefighters in an amount not to exceed \$412,200.

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:

The Fire Chief recommends that City Council approve a motion authorizing payment to the Texas Commission of Fire Protection (TCFP) for recertification of firefighters in an amount not to exceed \$412,200 for FY21.

Texas Government Code 419.034 requires that all firefighters employed in the State of Texas as a full-time firefighter hold a State certification. Certification must be renewed annually for each firefighter. Annual recertification fees of \$75 per firefighter are to be paid to the TCFP prior to October 31st of each year. Payment after October 31st results in a late penalty of \$37.50, in addition to the renewal fee, for each individual for which a renewal fee was due.

Certifications include firefighting, inspection, rescue, aircraft firefighting, hazmat, arson, fire officer and fire instructors. Not every firefighter holds each certification. Each individual is State certified in accordance with their job responsibilities within the department. Based on current numbers of certified employees and projected trainees to be certified this fiscal year, HFD budgeted a total expenditure of no more than \$412,200 in FY21.

Fiscal Note:

Funding for this item is included in the FY21 Adopted Budget. There is no increase to the operating budget.

TCFP Renewal Fees FY21 Budget	Units	Cost/Unit	Total Cost
TCFP Annual Renewal - Department Personnel	4100	\$75.00	\$ 307,500.00
Renewal for Training Facility and Head of Department	3	\$75.00	\$ 225.00
Cadet Training Testing & Certification Fees	210	\$140.00	\$ 29,400.00
Cadet Training Retest Fees	45	\$35.00	\$ 1,575.00
Fire Officer I - Testing & Certification Fees	60	\$140.00	\$ 8,400.00
Fire Officer II - Testing & Certification Fees	60	\$140.00	\$ 8,400.00
Fire Instructor I - Testing & Certification Fees	120	\$140.00	\$ 16,800.00
Fire Instructor II - Testing & Certification Fees	60	\$140.00	\$ 8,400.00
Incident Safety Officer - Testing & Certification Fees	25	\$140.00	\$ 3,500.00
HazMat Incident Command - Testing & Certification Fees	40	\$140.00	\$ 5,600.00
Driver Operator Pumper - Testing & Certification Fees	60	\$140.00	\$ 8,400.00
Marine Firefighter - Testing & Certification Fees	100	\$140.00	\$ 14,000.00
			\$ 412,200.00

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Samuel Peña, Fire Chief
Houston Fire Department

Prior Council Action:

Motion 2019-0529 on October 16, 2019

Amount of Funding:

\$412,200.00

General Fund
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