



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: 10/2/2012

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Danny Hobby

Commissioners Court Sponsor: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Approve proclamation of October 7-13, 2012, as Fire Prevention Week.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

Encourage all residents to make and practice home fire escape plans that include a designated, safe meeting place. Publicize this and other fire safety tips that are recommended by the National Fire Protection Association.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

NA

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Use Emergency Services social media tools, the County website and a demonstration of an escape plan by Fire Marshal employees and volunteers to further media and public knowledge of fire safety measures.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

NA

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

Fire Marshal	Hershel Lee	Completed	9/??/2012
Emergency Services	Danny Hobby	Completed	9/??/2012

WHEREAS, Travis County is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our County; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk of injury; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed more than 2,600 people in the United States in 2010, and fire departments in the United States responded to more than 369,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared, and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, almost three-quarters of Americans do have an escape plan; however, less than half have actually practiced it.

WHEREAS, one-third of Americans, who made an estimate when asked, thought they would have at least six minutes before a fire in their home would become life threatening, however that time is often less; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire in half; and

WHEREAS, the Travis County Fire Marshal's Office and first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through fire prevention education; and

WHEREAS, Travis County residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take individual steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Have Two Ways Out!" effectively serves to remind us to develop and practice a home fire escape plan during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Travis County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims October 7-13, 2012, as Fire Prevention Week, and encourages all

residents to make and practice home fire escape plans that include a designated, safe meeting place during Fire Prevention Week 2012.

Signed and entered this 2nd day of October 2012.

SAMUEL T. BISCOE
Travis County Judge

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