

Item 4



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: May 14, 2013

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt

AGENDA LANGUAGE: Approve Resolution recognizing Class XIII for graduating from ESD #4's Volunteer Fire and EMT Academy.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution attached.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

n/a

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

n/a

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

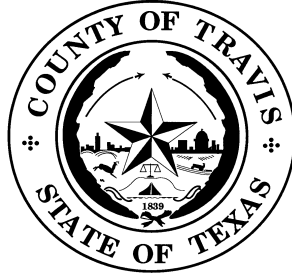
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REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

n/a

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to David Salazar in the County Judge's office, David.Salazar@co.travis.tx.us **by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m.** for the next week's meeting.

Resolution



WHEREAS, Travis County Emergency Services District #4 began in 1962 as a small boy scout group which provided the only source of fire protection along the northwest, north central and northeastern portions of Travis County; and

WHEREAS, Under the auspices of Fire Chief Florencio D. Soliz III, Assistant Chief Chris Botello and Medical Officer Heather Soliz-Mendoza, ESD #4 conducts a 26-week volunteer Fire and EMT Academy focused on increasing diversity in the firefighting profession; and

WHEREAS, The ESD #4 Academy program began in 1999 and has assisted in placing over 150 graduates as certified firefighters and EMT's into over forty-two fire department, EMS and healthcare organizations; and,

WHEREAS, The Academy's mission is to educate, train and certify eligible applicants from diverse populations and provide them with viable career paths into public safety and emergency service workforces; and,

WHEREAS, The Academy is solely supported by Travis County Health and Human Services & Veteran Services, and Travis County ESD #4; and

WHEREAS, The Academy is certified by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, the State Fireman and Fire Marshal Association, and is accredited by the Veterans Administration to re-train and certify military veterans; and

WHEREAS, Travis County Emergency Service District #4 leads with guiding principles of ensuring for public safety through prevention and emergency response, conducts itself professionally to maintain public trust, and seeks to provide relevant public services to citizens; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Travis County Commissioners Court congratulates ESD #4 for their Volunteer Fire and EMT Academy program and congratulates the 2013 Academy Cadet Class XIII Graduates and wishes them every future career success: David Brooks, Zachary Colosky, Juan Coutino, David Dickey, Jerry Escamilla, Justin Galarza, Bianca Guerrero, Dru Marshall, Adrian Martinez, Samuel Porter, Michael Reese and Aaron Villarreal, all graduates with the rank of Firefighter.

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