



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: Acceptance of Donation of Four (4) Pet Oxygen Kits Valued at \$340.00 From Girl Scout Troop 3003

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers accepting a donation of four (4) pet oxygen kits for fire department apparatus from Girl Scout Troop 3003.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion accepting the donation of four (4) pet oxygen kits valued at \$340.00 from Girl Scout Troop 3003 for the fire department to place on fire apparatus.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve, as recommended by staff; or,
2. Approve, subject to other than recommended by staff; or,
3. Deny; or,
4. Refer to staff for reconsideration of specific items; or,
5. Continue to a future meeting (date and time to be specified in the motion).

AUTHORITY

Charter of the City of Merced, Section 200.

DISCUSSION

The City of Merced Fire Department has been given a donation from Girl Scout Troop 3003, located out of Merced, to receive four (4) pet oxygen kits to be placed on fire department apparatus and used to help save animals lives following structural fires. These kits are valued at \$85.00 per kit for a total donation of \$340.00. This donation will allow City of Merced Firefighters to enhance their life saving capabilities in dealing with pets during emergency incidents.

Girl Scout Troop 3003 is comprised of 10 girls between grades 4-6 and guided by troop leader Lily Walker. Their diligent fundraising efforts is what allowed them to provide our department with these items. These kits were purchased from "Wag'N O2 Fur Life." According to their website, 68% of U.S. households own at least one pet. That equates to 84.6 million pets (minimum) that deserve lifesaving in the event of a home fire or catastrophe. Since this company was founded in 2008, the Wag'N O2 Fur Life Program has provided over 13,243 pet oxygen masks kits to more than 5,083 Fire & EMS departments in North America. With the acceptance of this donation, the City of Merced Fire Department will now be added to the list of emergency service agencies that have improved their

emergency response capabilities with dealing with animals.

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

No appropriation of funds is needed.

ATTACHMENTS

None