



Opioid Prevention Crisis Response Program – Item 25

**City Council Session A
November 3, 2022**

Assistant Chief Ramon Casanova, EMS Division





Purpose

- **Accept funds from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) in the amount of \$396,313 for the Opioid Prevention Crisis Response Program**
- **Program goal is to improve the outcomes of residents that have suffered narcotic overdose**
- **Funding Period - October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.**
- **Will replace previously discontinued programs: Texas Targeted Opioid Response (TTOR) and Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT)**



Background

Since 2018, SAFD has provided 2 programs funded through STRAC:

- Texas Targeted Opioid Response (TTOR) Program which makes contact with residents who have overdosed on opioids in the past 72 hours and distribute Narcan, CPR training and recovery options
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program provides assistance for patients at home with an addiction to opioids as a temporary bridge to get the patient to a detox bed and program

Background (cont.)

- In July 2022, SAFD was notified by UT Health Science San Antonio that TTOR and MAT Programs were being retired
- In mid-September, SAFD was notified that UT Health Science had received renewal for their EMS Expansion project and allocated \$396,313 to STRAC
- SAFD combined the TTOR and MAT into the Opioid Prevention Crisis Response Program providing the same services and will use funds from STRACT of \$396,313 to provide services through September 2023



Plan of Action

Two specially trained SAFD Personnel engage clients from confirmed opioid use and overdose responses, referrals from law enforcement, 911 dispatch, Center for Healthcare Services, SACADA or other community stakeholders

- 8 hour shifts on a two-person unit, 7 days a week



Recommendations

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to accept the donation of \$396,313 from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC)





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