



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Governance Committee Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Fire Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Charles Hood, Fire Chief

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

A briefing and discussion on a Council Consideration Request (CCR) from Councilmember Clayton H. Perry on the Creation of Emergency Preparedness Community Guide [Maria Villagomez, Deputy City Manager; Charles Hood, Fire Chief]

SUMMARY:

On February 25, 2021, Councilmember Clayton Perry initiated a Council Consideration Request (CCR) for City staff, CPS, and SAWS to examine the feasibility of creating an emergency preparedness guide and videos for community distribution.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

San Antonio experienced a severe winter weather in February of 2021, Winter Storm Uri, rarely seen in our community. This brought unprecedented freezing temperatures for an extended period of time that affected energy and water infrastructure.

Councilmember Perry's request seeks to proactively address San Antonio residents' individual and family preparedness by enhancing programming, training, and resources available to the public.

SAOEM has a long history of conducting emergency preparedness workshops and presentations as well as the development of emergency preparedness materials and promotional items.

The Ready South Texas program was created in 2003 with homeland security grant program and has evolved into an all-hazards community preparedness program that provides residents with basic information on how to prepare for any emergency situation. SAOEM has recently purchased and begun distribution of 100,000 printed Ready South Texas guides.

SAOEM has developed the Ready to Respond video series of public service announcements (PSAs) that cover how to build an emergency preparedness kit, make an emergency plan, know your neighbor, emergency alerts, flood safety, and stories from disaster survivors. An additional series of videos was created to cover active threat prevention, response, and recovery.

ISSUE:

Councilmember Perry's request seeks to proactively address San Antonio residents' individual and family preparedness by enhancing programming, training, and resources available to the public.

The City of San Antonio Emergency Management Office (SAEOM) has a long history of conducting emergency preparedness workshops, presentations, and documents to assist San Antonio Residents as well as the development of emergency preparedness materials and promotional items.

SAEOM plans to enhance its community education and outreach programs in FY 2022 and will coordinate with SAWS and CPS.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact; this memo is for briefing purposes only.

ALTERNATIVES:

This memo is for briefing purposes only.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff Recommends this CCR be moved forward to the Public Safety Committee. The City's Emergency Management Office will provide an overview of its current community education and preparedness programs and plans to strengthen this effort in FY 2022.