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TO: Commissioners' Court

FROM: Jason Browning, Fire Marshal

RE: Donation of Hazmat Trailer and Equipment to Melissa Fire Department

Honorable Court,

I respectfully request the Court to consider and approve the donation of the Hazmat Trailer and associated equipment to the Melissa Fire Department (MFD). The trailer and equipment was obtained by the county through a grant awarded in September 2004. The grant was satisfied in FY2006. The county was also required to keep records for three years FY2006 – FY2008. Janna Benson-Caponera has confirmed that this equipment is eligible for donation. On March 15, 2012 a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Melissa Fire Department was established for the trailer. Under the MOU, MFD would house the trailer and deploy it in the event of a hazardous materials event. Maintenance of the equipment and trailer is the responsibility of the county.

The Hazmat suits have a 10 year shelf life and are expired. Also the awning on the trailer has deteriorated due to age. A request for the replacement of these items has been submitted by my office for the upcoming budget of 9,340.97.

Donation of this equipment to MFD would result in a savings of 9,340.97. Furthermore the county has incurred an annual expense since obtaining the equipment of approximately 1,000.00 for required annual testing and maintenance of the air packs and atmospheric testing equipment on board the trailer which would become the responsibility of MFD.

The MOU was entered with MFD due to their ability to staff the trailer with the appropriate number of certified personnel in the event of deployment. MFD has demonstrated the ability to provide a hazardous material response and has also pledged to continue to provide such a response when requested. Donation of this equipment will provide MFD with a solid foundation to further build their Hazmat response capability based on their departmental SOP's.

