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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: **APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION MOBILE UNIT**

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the City Council recognize revenue of \$13,081 from the Independent Insurance Agents Association for the completion of funding for a Fire Prevention Mobile Unit and increase the Fire Department Budget by this amount. This report was heard by the Budget and Finance Committee on December 4, 1990.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Independent Insurance Agents Association in their concern with fire safety, have donated \$13,081 to be used to help construct a Fire Safety and Public Education Mobile Unit.

The Public Fire Safety Education Goal is to reduce the number of fires and the resulting deaths, injuries, and damages through the education of our citizens as to the hazards of fires, the methods of fire and burn prevention, and the proper fire reactions necessary to escape.

Our records show that an alarmingly large percent of fires are started by children playing with matches and lighters. Smoking material is the number one cause of fire deaths in the home. Young male adults become victims of burn injuries due to their misuse of flammable liquids, such as gasoline. Families not being educated to home fire hazards account for a large number of residential fires. Unattended cooking fires is the number one cause of burn injuries in the home. One of the most common problems we find is the non-functioning smoke detector. Many times the batteries are dead or missing from the smoke detector.

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Fire safety education is designed to develop or change the attitudes and behaviors of men, women, and children toward fire. It encompasses a wide spectrum of programs and activities presented to audiences as diverse as school children, senior citizens, homeowners, preschoolers, apartment dwellers, handicapped people, service and civic groups. Fire safety education topics may include home fire escape planning, babysitter fire safety, cooking fires, clothing fires, juvenile fire setters, first aid for burns, home fire hazards inspections, scald prevention, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and home sprinkler systems.

A mobile classroom for fire safety education programs will meet the needs of not only our fire department, but our community as well. It will allow fire safety educators to bring groups into the unit which will be equipped for training and lectures. The atmosphere will be more realistic than a standard classroom.

The fire safety unit will be equipped with a lecture room, simulated kitchen and bedroom, which will be used to teach children how to escape from their rooms in case of fire. The unit will be outfitted with a VCR and television monitor as well as training tapes and print materials such as coloring books and pamphlets. A smoke alarm, residential sprinkler system, bars on the window and other devices will be installed to teach fire safety.

The mobile unit will accommodate between 25 and 30 students. Classes will show students how fires could start in their homes and how they can prevent them. When it is not in use at schools, the unit will be set up at fairs, parades, shopping malls and other special community events.

It is a proven fact that fire safety education saves lives. It is hoped that this Fire Safety Mobile Unit will prove a useful resource in furthering that education and the reduction of fire deaths, injuries, and property loss.

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FINANCIAL DATA

The total cost of this project is \$30,000. This project can be completed with the acceptance of the \$13,081 and the balance is available in organization 2524-4632 of the 1990-91 Fire Department Budget.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

This joint project reflects the City's policy of cooperation between the City and the private sector in the advancement of Fire Safety and Public Education.

MBE/WBE EFFORTS

No impact.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council approve the attached resolution appropriating \$13,081 in Fire Department revenue and increasing the Fire Department Operating Budget by \$13,081.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Fire Chief

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 90-984**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 1990-91 FIRE DEPARTMENT  
REVENUE AND OPERATING BUDGETS BY \$13,801 FOR THE  
PURCHASE OF A FIRE PREVENTION MOBILE UNIT

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO THAT:

- 1. That \$13,081 be appropriated in the Fire Department Fire Prevention Revenue Budget, thereby increasing the General Fund Contingency Reserve:

101-250-2521-3705	(\$13,081)
101-710-7012-4999	13,081

- 2. That the Fire Department Fire Prevention Operating Budget be increased by \$13,081 for the purchase of a Fire Prevention Mobile Unit:

101-710-7012-4999	(\$13,081)
101-250-2521-4632	13,081

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ATTEST:

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