

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	October 21, 2024
Action Required:	Approve the Resolution
Presenter:	Michael Thomas, Fire Chief
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Title:	UVA vehicle donation for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fellowship Program

Background

The Charlottesville Fire Department and the University of Virginia Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fellowship program have partnered since 2018 to provide the Fellow with diverse exposure to EMS activities in the career fire-based system. This exposure benefits the fellowship program, the interning fellow, the fire department, and most importantly, our community (citizens, families, visitors, and the workforce). This partnership engages the EMS Fellow in extensive pre-hospital experiences, training opportunities, fire ground operations, and specialized operations such as Hazardous Materials (hazmat) and special rescue situations.

Discussion

A critical aspect of the partnership is that the Fellow will be able to respond to medical and traumatic incidents and the activities mentioned above. The fire department has provided a vehicle from our fleet for the Fellow program and for use by the Operating Medical Director. The Fire Department has maintained, fueled, and inspected the car, which has been used and maintained for this program for the past five and a half years (5 ½). The UVA Fellowship program Medical Director has approached the fire department with the offer to have the program donate a new vehicle to be used as part of the program's mission and working partnership. The City will purchase the vehicle and the Fellowship program will make a donation to the City of \$50,000, or an amount equal to the actual cost of the vehicle, whichever is less.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

This item aligns with the strategic outcome areas of public safety and partnerships.

Community Engagement

N/A

Budgetary Impact

There is no immediate budgetary impact of accepting the donated vehicle as the Fellowship Program will make a donation to cover the cost of the vehicle and all associated equipment. It is anticipated that replacing the older model vehicle currently being used will result in lower overall maintenance costs.

Recommendation

Approve the resolution to accept the donated vehicle.

Alternatives

The Council could choose to not accept the donation.

Attachments

1. UVA EMS Fellowship car donation resolution 9.25.24
2. Vehicle MOU for 10-21-24 agenda