

## Decision Paper

William Bochat

### Request for Extension of LOD Leave

#### Issue

William Bochat, Fire Captain, assigned to 40 B, seeks an extension of Line of Duty leave from May 26, 2002 to July 31, 2002 for injuries suffered while on duty on May 8, 2001. This extension will restore 528 hours, or 22 shifts of accrued leave. In accordance with Texas Local Government Code Chapter 143.073, this extension requires an approval by City Council. The department needs to submit a request for ordinance that will include the Fire Chief's recommendation.

#### Facts

- Date of injury – May 08, 2001.
- Fire Captain Bochat injured his lower back, neck and shoulders while he was carrying a patient down a narrow staircase.
- He was diagnosed with disc bulges at C3-4 and L4-5, supraspinatus tendinosis of the right shoulder and rotator cuff tendinosis of the left shoulder.
- Fire Captain Bochat underwent extensive physical therapy, work hardening, ultrasound therapy, injections and a lumbar discogram.
- He also underwent left should arthroscopy on March 19, 2002 to include open acromioplasty and subacromial bursectomy.
- On Line of Duty leave from May 26, 2001 until May 25, 2002. He began using his own leave on May 26, 2002 to July 31, 2002.
- Fire Captain William Bochat returned to duty on August 01, 2002.

#### Considerations

#### Recommendation

Fire Department staff recommends approval.

Approved       Disapproved

  
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Charles N. Hood, Fire Chief

8/3/15  
Date