



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Erik Walsh

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: None

SUBJECT:

Briefing and discussion related to a CCR for a Stop the Bleed education course for City Council & Support Staff.

SUMMARY:

On June 20, 2019, Councilwoman Adriana Rocha Garcia submitted a Council Consideration Request (CCR) to consider a Stop the Bleed education course for City Council & Support Staff to learn bleeding control techniques.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 2015, in an effort to educate employees the City of San Antonio (COSA) deployed training on Workplace Violence/Active Shooter for City work-sites. This training consisted of a 45-minute video titled: Active Shooter/Civilian Response, with SAPD SWAT officers present to answer questions.

COSA made available to all City departments Trauma Kits containing medical supplies that can be used to provide first aid for serious trauma. SAFD paramedics provided training on how to use the Trauma Kits, which included bandages and tourniquets.

In an effort to keep our training current, COSA recently partnered with the South Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC) to provide "Stop the Bleed[®]" training for COSA employees and elected officials. Stop the Bleed is a national awareness campaign and a call to action. Stop the Bleed is intended to cultivate grassroots efforts that encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency. During Stop the Bleed training, employees learn how to:

- Determine if an area is safe for you to proceed toward a victim to provide assistance
- Identify any nearby tools to assist you such as a publicly placed bleeding control kit or everyday items that can be used to control bleeding.
- Use your hands to apply direct pressure at the site of the wound to stop bleeding

- Pack a deep wound with cloth or gauze to control bleeding
- Correctly apply a tourniquet to an injured limb to stop bleeding
- Keep the victim calm until help arrives

On July 10, 2019, STRAC conducted “Stop the Bleed” training for COSA department leadership, selected HR personnel, and Department of Risk Management Safety Coordinators. “Stop the Bleed” training for Mayor and Council has been scheduled for August 26, 2019. In coming weeks, the Safety Coordinators will be scheduling this training for their work sites. Additionally, Human Resources is making this training a regular part of the City’s training catalog.

ALTERNATIVES:

This item is for briefing purposes only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

A fiscal impact has not been determined at this time.

ISSUE:

The CCR requests consideration of a Stop the Bleed education course for City Council & Support Staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends continuing to educate and train City Staff and Council.