

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approves the contract for public safety training and simulation equipment, technology, and PPE from Lion and Gear Wash for the Fire Science Department.

BACKGROUND

The Fire Science program purchases burn props, related products, and maintenance services through this contract, including support for all fire field systems.

It was originally anticipated that annual contract spend would not exceed \$100,000; however, this year's grant funding for a new car fire prop, hose line training system, and ATTACK Digital Fire Training will cause the annual spend to exceed \$100,000. In addition, due to the reallocation of Perkins funds, an additional training prop from Lion and Gear Wash will be purchased and installed by June 2026.

Reference Number SCON-101401 was issued to track contract spend for the District.

Lion and Gear Wash hold a Sourcewell contract for firefighting PPE and related equipment cleaning (Contract No. 010424). They also hold a Sourcewell contract for public safety training and simulation equipment and technology (Contract No. 011822).

This contract complies with the competitive procurement requirements of Texas Education Code, Section §44.031, as permitted through Texas Government Code, Section §791.011.

IMPACT OF THIS ACTION

The purchase of burn props, related products, and maintenance services is essential to the ongoing operation and instructional quality of the Fire Science program. These goods and services support fire field systems used in training scenarios and ensure students receive realistic, safe, and industry-standard hands-on experience.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

- Total Authorization Requested: \$180,000
- Funding Source: Fire Science Department's FY26 operating budget
- Current Contract Spend: \$93,155

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

The contract term is September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026

RESOURCE PERSONNEL

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