



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: John A Chisholm, EMS Officer

DATE: Thursday, March 8th, 2018

SUBJECT: Authorization to accept a proposed donation for an ACR-4 Child Safety Restraint as provided for under the pre-authorization granted by the City Council

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council approve the acceptance of the donation stated above from the Injury Prevention Center at Children's Hospital at Dartmouth (CHaD).

Background

1. Each licensed ambulance in NH must possess a child safety restraint that is compliant with NH RSA 265:107-a which requires all children (less than 7 years of age) up to 57 inches to be properly restrained in a safety seat or harness when riding in a vehicle.
2. The ACR-4 (Ambulance Child Restraint) is specially designed to secure children to an ambulance stretcher. It is specifically referenced in the State of NH 2017 Patient Care Protocols for Emergency Medical Services as compliant with NH RSA 265:107-a.
3. The child safety seats currently used by Concord Fire expire soon and must be replaced.
4. A recent recall with the Diono car seat system (the successor to the car seats currently used by Concord Fire Department, and the previous industry standard) has identified that the Diono car seat no longer meets safety requirements when fastened to an ambulance stretcher.
5. The gift offsets an otherwise required purchase of the same ACR-4 Child Safety Restraint by the City of Concord at a cost of \$814 (inclusive of shipping).
6. The ACR-4 does not expire, which will allow a future cost savings.
7. The purpose of the gift listed above is consistent with, and presents no conflict or obstacle to, the accomplishment of City Council goals, the Code of Ordinances, or the operating functions of the Concord Fire Department.
8. No City match or recurring maintenance expense is required.

Discussion

The Injury Prevention Center at Children's Hospital at Dartmouth (CHaD) has offered to donate an ACR-4 Child Safety Restraint purchased through funds received from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to the City of Concord to replace one of the child safety restraints (car seats) required on each ambulance.