

## Legislation Text

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**SUBJECT:**

Presentation regarding the creation of the New Braunfels Fire Department Citizens Fire Academy

**BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:**

This program is sponsored by the New Braunfels Fire Department and is intended as an avenue for our customers and associates to learn more about the services we provide and to answer some of the questions people might have about how we operate and why we do the things we do.

As participants go through the 12-week program, we hope they will challenge the instructors on any topics that are unclear or seem unusual. Our intent is to inform citizens and to answer their concerns in a forthright and open manner.

After completing the program, we hope participants will take the knowledge of how their fire department operates out into the community and share it with friends, family, and associates. We hope these citizens will be able to educate others about the New Braunfels Fire Department and to foster a better understanding of our duties, responsibilities, and capabilities to serve the community.

Each Tuesday night, Citizens Fire Academy (CFA) participants learn about a different aspect of the fire service, ranging from emergency medical services, to the hiring and training of firefighters, to special rescue operations. During the 12-week class, CFA participants will also spend time at fire stations and riding with the Fire Department to emergency calls. This is not a certification course. Each year, we will accept 15 cadets into the Academy.

**ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The anticipated cost to conduct this program is anticipated to be minimal and absorbed into the FY 2018-19 Fire Department operating budget. Therefore, sufficient funds are available.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A