



Department Source: Fire

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: March 7, 2022

Re: Training Agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri

Executive Summary

Authorizing the City Manager to execute a training agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri to provide access to the following university-owned buildings for fire-ground training activities: Loeb Hall, London Hall, Mizzou North, and Lab Animal Center.

Discussion

Giving credit to community fire prevention and public education efforts, the Columbia Fire Department has seen a steady decrease in the number of structural fire incidents in recent years. Utilizing actual structures instead of props and engineered buildings provides unique educational opportunities for firefighter skill development. Different room configurations and surroundings are much more consistent with actual emergency incidents to which the department might respond. These opportunities will allow firefighters to experiment with different techniques and to work in a safer, more controlled environment without the stress and danger of a burning building. The Curators of the University of Missouri (MU) are making available four university-owned buildings to allow City of Columbia firefighters opportunities to practice skills including forcible entry, opening walls, mayday drills and victim retrieval. The CFD would like to create an agreement with MU for training opportunities within these facilities.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$0.

Long-Term Impact: None

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Public Safety, Secondary Impact: Operational Excellence, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends passage authorizing the City Manager to execute this agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri to provide Fire Ground Training Instruction in four university-owned buildings on the Columbia campus.