
Wednesday, June 17, 2026
9:00 AM

City Hall - 141 W. Renfro
Burleson, TX 76028

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **CITIZEN APPEARANCES**

Each person in attendance who desires to speak to the Committee on an item NOT posted on the agenda, shall speak during this section. A speaker card must be filled out and turned in to the City Secretary prior to addressing the Committee. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes to speak.

Each person in attendance who desires to speak on an item posted on the agenda shall speak when the item is called forward for consideration.

3. **GENERAL**

A. Consider approval of the minutes from the April 8, 2026 Public Safety & Court Committee meeting. *(Staff Contact: Amanda Campos, City Secretary)*

4. **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide recommendations to the city council on prehospital whole blood program in the Fire/EMS Department. *(Staff Contact: Casey Davis, Fire Chief)*

B. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide recommendations to the city council on an opioid settlement funding allocation request. *(Staff Contact: Wes Routson, Captain)*

C. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide recommendations to the city council on Ebikes and electric vehicles in city parks and on city owned property. *(Staff Contact: Wes Routson, Captain)*

5. **REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OR REPORTS**

6. **RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

In accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the Committee may convene in Executive Session in the City Council Workroom in City Hall to conduct a closed meeting to discuss any item listed on this Agenda. The Committee may reconvene into open session and take action on posted items.

Pending or contemplated litigation or to seek the advice of the City Attorney pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code

7. **ADJOURN**

Casey Davis

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above agenda was posted on this the 4th of June 2026, by 5:00 p.m., on the official bulletin board at the Burleson City Hall, 141 W. Renfro, Burleson, Texas.



Amanda Campos

City Secretary

BUDGET STATEMENT

Pursuant to Section 551.043, Government Code, the following taxpayer impact statement must be on the City Council meeting agenda at which the City Council will discuss or adopt a budget for the City of Burleson: For a median-valued homestead property (\$306,724), the City's portion of the property tax bill in dollars for the current fiscal year (FY24-25) is \$2,032.66, the City's portion of the property tax bill for the upcoming fiscal year (FY25-26) for the same property if the proposed budget is adopted is estimated to be \$2,213.93, and the City's portion of the property tax bill in dollars for the upcoming fiscal year (FY25-26) for the same property if a budget funded at the no-new-revenue rate under Chapter 26, Tax Code, is adopted is estimated to be \$2,021.62.

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Public Safety & Court Committee

DEPARTMENT: City Secretary’s Office
FROM: Amanda Campos, City Secretary
MEETING: June 3, 2026

SUBJECT:

Consider and take possible action of the minutes from the April 8, 2026 Public Safety & Municipal Court Committee meeting. *(Staff Contact: Amanda Campos, City Secretary)*

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND GOAL(S):

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
 <p>High Performing City Organization Providing Exceptional, People Focused Services</p>	1.2 Continue to improve the efficiency and productivity of operations 1.3 Deliver high-quality service and communications to external and internal customers

SUMMARY:

The Public Safety & Municipal Court committee duly and legally met on April 8, 2026 for a regular meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Committee may approve the minutes as presented or approve with amendments.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

N/A

REFERENCE:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

STAFF CONTACT:

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PUBLIC SAFETY & MUNICIPAL COURT COUNCIL COMMITTEE
April 8, 2026
MINUTES

Council present:

Victoria Johnson, Chair

Chris Fletcher

Council Absent:

Phil Anderson

Staff present:

Tommy Ludwig, City Manager
 Harlan Jefferson, Deputy City Manager
 Eric Oscarson, Deputy City Manager
 Amanda Campos, City Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Victoria Johnson called the meeting to order. **Time: 1:00 p.m.**

2. CITIZEN APPEARANCES

- None.

3. GENERAL**A. Minutes from the January 7, 2026 Public Safety & Municipal Court Committee meeting. (Staff Contact: Amanda Campos, City Secretary)**

Motion made by Chris Fletcher and seconded by Victoria Johnson to approve.

Motion passed .2-0. Phil Anderson absent.

4. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**A. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide recommendations to the city council regarding a Fleet Take Home Vehicle program for police (Staff Contact: Billy J. Cordell, Chief of Police)**

Billy Cordell, Police Chief, presented to the committee the operational readiness and response, retention of Officers, recruitment of Officers, and increased efficiency of the fleet.

Fleet Status

The Burleson Police fleet was reviewed and discussed by reviewing the vehicle to officer ration, the operational deficiencies, and the financial impact to the city. Currently there are 58 marked police vehicles used by 96 sworn officers across 6 divisions. There are some take home or assigned vehicles currently but most have

been recalled due to shortages. Patrol officers do not have take home vehicles. There is an operational deficiencies of 24 marked units.

Financial Impact

The Police take home program allows the department to implement practices that will reduce mileages, and wear and tear on vehicles increasing replacement from 5 years to 7 years. Reduce fuel consumption, down time for maintenance, and equipment cost. To maintain continuous operational capability best practice is to have reserve vehicles.

Recommend spreading purchase over 3 years to reduce the risk of purchasing vehicles on the same maintenance schedule and failures.

B. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide recommendations to the city council regarding Response Times and Staffing Projections (Staff Contact: Billy J. Cordell, Chief of Police)

Billy Cordell, Police Chief presented the committee Beat realignment plan by beginning with a review of the current structure of Four District Model in place since 1985.

Chief Cordell reviewed the Eight Beat Model and the benefits to the community and the safety of officers. The response times of both models were compared, and a significant improvement is expected from the 8-beat model. The 8-beat model provides equitable service for the community, workload even distribution for staff, and allows for future growth both in population and areas.

To add staffing shortage and provide a stopgap staffing solution the following is needed; 1 sergeant for traffic, 1 OIC, and 8 officers. Of the 8 officers, 4 would be powershift B, 4 added to the days and night patrol shifts.

C. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide recommendations to the city council on Fire/EMS capital improvement ambulance procurement plan. (Staff Contact: Casey Davis, Fire Chief)

Casey Davis, Fire Chief presented to the committee the Fire/EMS capital improvement ambulance procurement plan.

Chief Davis reviewed the current fleet status and reminded the committee that all ambulances are staffed with firefighters. He reviewed his suggested transition plan for replacing 4 frontline ambulances.

Chief Davis recommended placing the 2 new Horton ambulances into service, continue utilizing existing Demers units within the fleet, and replacing all 4 Demers units with ambulances through the capital improvement plan. He explained to the committee that the current build time is 30 months and the cost would be approx. \$2.6 million.

D. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide recommendations to the city council on Fire/EMS staffing needs, capital improvement plan implementation and timing. (Staff Contact: Casey Davis, Fire Chief)

Casey Davis, Fire Chief, presented to the committee the Fire/EMS staffing needs and the capital improvement plan.

Chief Davis reviewed the call volume, the unit hour utilization goals, and the minimum on-duty fire responses. He reviewed why Station 4 is critical for Burleson and the key challenges and how the additional station solves these issues.

Chief Davis informed the committee of system changes and needs, the ladder tower purchase, engine and ambulance deployment adjustments, and minimum staffing at the new Station 4. The projected timeline for the completion of Station 4 is 2028 design, 2029 ladder tower and brush truck, and 2030 construction of Station 4.

Addition concurrent needs identified is a Captain for training, Captain for Admin Logistics, and Deputy Emergency Manager. He recommended the following: transition peak ambulance to 24 hour service requiring 4 additional staff, additional frontline fire company equaling 14 additional staff, and maintaining the current Station 4 timeline.

5. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OR REPORTS

- None.

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- No executive session is needed.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Victoria Johnson adjourned the meeting.

Time: 3:09 p.m.

Amanda Campos
City Secretary


Public Safety & Court Committee

DEPARTMENT: Fire/EMS
FROM: Casey Davis, Fire Chief
MEETING: June 3, 2026

SUBJECT:

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide recommendations to the city council on prehospital whole blood program in the Fire/EMS Department. *(Staff Contact: Casey Davis, Fire Chief)*

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND GOAL(S):

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
 <p>Beautiful, Safe, & Vibrant Community</p>	<p>3.3 Enhance emergency response services 3.4 Ensure public safety equipment and personnel needs are being met</p>

SUMMARY:

Burleson Fire/EMS staff will provide an overview of the proposed Prehospital Whole Blood Program and discuss participation in the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council (NCTTRAC) regional prehospital transfusion initiative. Severe hemorrhage remains one of the leading causes of preventable death in both trauma and certain medical emergencies. Modern trauma research and military experience have demonstrated that earlier blood administration may significantly improve patient outcomes while reducing complications associated with excessive crystalloid administration traditionally used in EMS care.

The proposed program would allow Burleson Fire/EMS to carry and administer low-titer O whole blood to qualifying trauma and medical hemorrhage patients prior to hospital arrival. Whole blood replaces circulating volume, oxygen carrying capacity, and clotting capability in a single product and is increasingly becoming a national best practice within trauma systems.

The State of Texas has appropriated \$10 million of funding to support expansion of prehospital whole blood capability through the Regional Trauma Advisory Council system. NCTTRAC has directly encouraged Burleson Fire/EMS to participate due to the department’s advanced EMS

capabilities, Battalion Chief response model, and ability to impact a large population within Johnson County and southern Tarrant County. If awarded, NCTTRAC is anticipated to provide major startup equipment including blood refrigeration units, blood warmers, and temperature monitoring equipment.

The proposed operational model would utilize designated Battalion Chief response vehicles to deploy blood products and transfusion equipment to qualifying emergencies while also supporting scene coordination and command functions. Burleson Fire/EMS also desires to develop this initiative as a regional partnership involving Johnson County, surrounding agencies, hospital partners, and blood suppliers to improve survivability, interoperability, and regional disaster preparedness while reducing unnecessary duplication of cost and resources.

The estimated annual operational cost for the program is approximately \$30,000 and includes blood product acquisition, consumable medical supplies, inventory management, training, and quality assurance oversight. Staff intends to pursue regional cost-sharing opportunities associated with the county-wide benefit of this capability. A supplemental funding request associated with ongoing operational costs will be presented as part of the upcoming FY 2026-2027 budget process.

Staff recommendation is for the Committee to receive the presentation and provide feedback regarding Burleson Fire/EMS participation in the NCTTRAC Prehospital Whole Blood Program and continued development of regional partnerships associated with the initiative.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends participation in the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council (NCTTRAC) regional prehospital transfusion initiative to expand access to lifesaving whole blood transfusion capabilities within Burleson, Johnson County, and the surrounding region.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

N/A

REFERENCE:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

Budget 26/27 Supplemental Request \$30,000 – Safety Supplies - 105-20-22-2202-0000-61030-

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Prehospital Whole Blood Program

PUBLIC SAFETY & COURT COMMITTEE

JUNE 3, 2026

PRESENTED BY: DR. DENNIS HASLAM, CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER & CASEY DAVIS, FIRE CHIEF



Why This Matters

Severe Bleeding Is a Time-Critical Emergency

Hemorrhage is one of the leading causes of preventable death.

Patients experiencing severe blood loss rapidly lose:

- Circulating volume
- Oxygen carrying capacity
- Ability to clot



Current Treatment

Traditional EMS treatment relied heavily on crystalloids:

- Normal saline
- Lactated Ringer's

Emerging research suggests excessive crystalloids may:

- Dilute clotting factors
- Worsen bleeding
- Increase acidosis
- Contribute to hypothermia
- Increase complications

National Trauma Care Is Changing

Military experience in Iraq and Afghanistan accelerated whole blood use.

Civilian trauma systems are now adopting similar practices.

Research demonstrates:

- Lower mortality
- Less shock on ED arrival
- Better early resuscitation outcomes
- Improved survival when blood is given earlier



Blood May Save 10,000 Lives Per Year

American College of Surgeons Findings

Universal access to prehospital blood may save approximately 10,000 lives annually in the United States.

- Earlier transfusion improves survivability
- Whole blood improves hemorrhage resuscitation
- Prehospital transfusion reduces early mortality

“There are not many interventions that can save 10,000 patients a year.”





Texas Is Investing \$10 Million in Prehospital Blood

Regional Trauma Advisory Councils (RACs/TRACs)
 North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council

Goal: Expand access to lifesaving blood transfusion capability across Texas at least 1 unit in every County.

Burleson Fire/EMS was directly encouraged to participate due to:

- Largest City in Johnson county
- Population impact
- Advanced EMS capabilities
- Existing Battalion Chief response model



Equipment Provided by NCTTRAC

If Burleson Fire/EMS is Awarded - NCTTRAC will provide:

NCTTRAC has advised that participating agencies will receive one complete set of whole blood storage and transport equipment, valued at approximately \$17,000, at no initial cost to the department. As part of the program, NCTTRAC will also provide implementation resources including protocol templates, SOP examples, and access to American Association of Blood Banks (AABB) whole blood program guidance materials to assist with program development and compliance.

Additionally, NCTTRAC has indicated that participating agencies will be reimbursed for whole blood product costs for the duration of the current contract period, which extends through August 29, 2027. This significantly reduces the department's initial financial impact associated with implementation of the program.



What Burleson Fire/EMS Will Provide



Blood Product Supply

Burleson Fire/EMS will establish agreements with:

- Regional blood suppliers
- Blood rotation partners

Consumable Medical Supplies

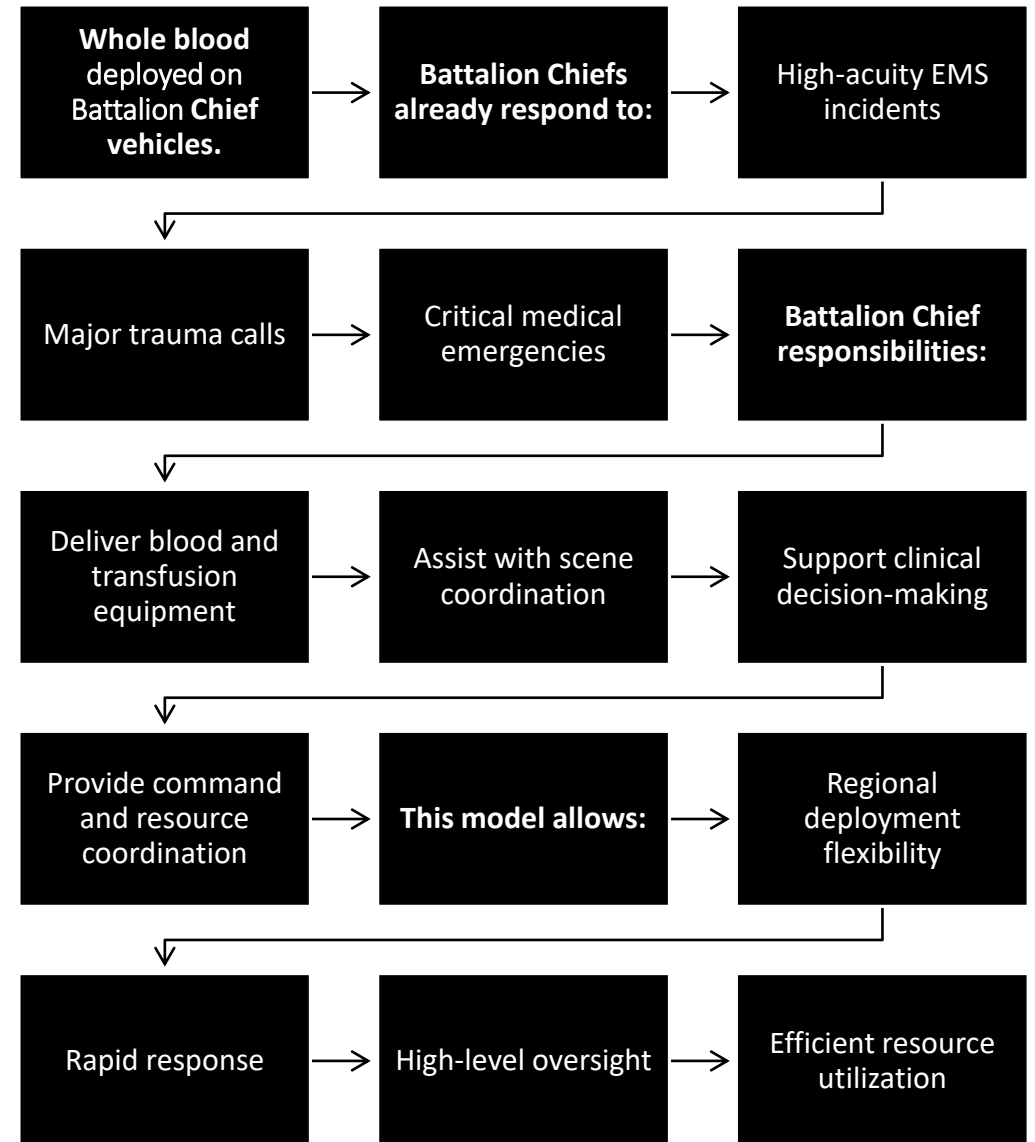
- Blood warming disposable cartridges
- Blood tubing sets
- Pressure infusion supplies
- IV/IO supplies
- Temperature monitoring batteries
- PPE and storage materials

Estimated operational cost is approximately \$24,000 annually.

There is a possibility that, if selected by the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council (NCTTRAC), the department may be eligible for reimbursement of costs associated with whole blood products.

Proposed Regional Operational Model

Item A.





Potential Patient Impact

- Burleson Fire/EMS conducted a retrospective review identifying: Approximately 40 patients in the last year who may have benefited from blood replacement therapy.
- Your Blood donation saved a Burleson life!



Blood Stewardship & Waste Prevention

Blood Is a Precious Resource

Burleson Fire/EMS recognizes:

- Blood products must be carefully managed and protected from waste.
- Blood rotated approximately every 14 days
- Returned to blood supplier/hospital partner prior to expiration
- Re-tested and redistributed for hospital use

Goal:

- Maintain readiness while minimizing waste.
- Regional systems in Texas have already demonstrated successful blood rotation programs.



Proven Programs Already Operating in Texas

Fort Worth Fire Department

Dallas Fire-Rescue

STRAC Region (San Antonio)

Johnson County Regional Whole Blood Plan

Proposed Regional Partners

- Burleson Fire/EMS
- Cleburne Fire Department
- CareFlite Ground EMS
- Crowley Fire Department
- Johnson County ESD

Regional Response Concept

- Designated Battalion Chief / Supervisor units would coordinate regional response.

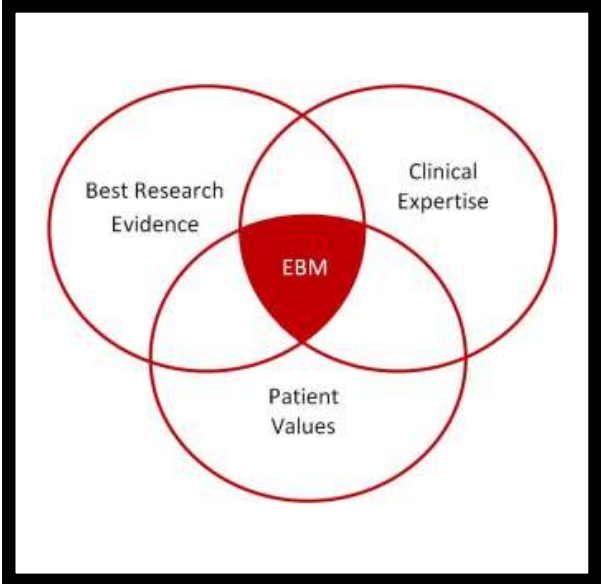
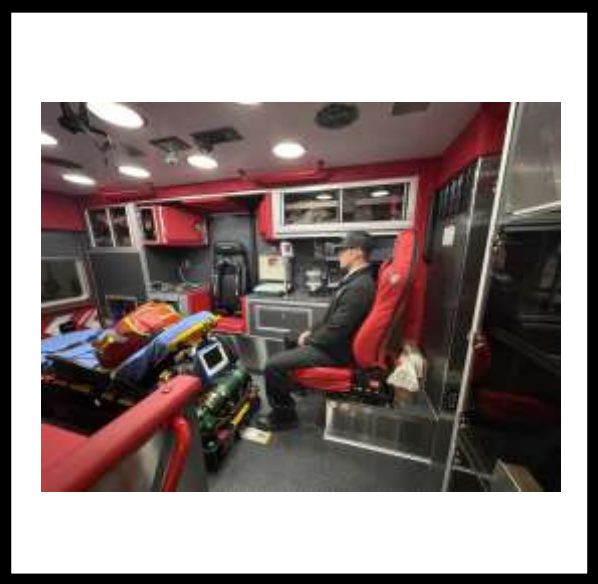
Long-Term Vision

- Build a sustainable regional prehospital transfusion network that serves the citizens of Johnson County and surrounding communities through coordinated partnerships, physician oversight, and evidence-based EMS care.

Why a Regional Model Matters

A county-wide partnership:

- Expands access to lifesaving blood products
- Improves regional interoperability
- Maximizes limited blood resources
- Reduces unnecessary duplication of equipment and cost
- Strengthens disaster and mass casualty preparedness
- Improves survivability throughout the region
- Regional funding opportunities



Staff Recommendations

- Participate in the NCTTRAC Prehospital Whole Blood Program
- Establish agreements with blood supplier and hospital partners
- Implement Dr. Haslam protocols and training
- Fund annual operational costs associated with blood product deployment
- Consider pursuing a partnership with Johnson County to support future funding opportunities and regional collaboration initiatives.
- Staff will present a supplemental funding request for consideration as part of the upcoming budget development process for fiscal year 26/27.



Questions / Comments

References:

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Public Safety & Court Committee

DEPARTMENT: Police
FROM: Billy Cordell, Chief of Police
MEETING: June 3, 2026

SUBJECT:

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide recommendations to the city council on an opioid settlement funding allocation request. *(Staff Contact: Wes Routson, Captain)*

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND GOAL(S):

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
 <p>Beautiful, Safe, & Vibrant Community</p>	<p>3.3 Enhance emergency response services 3.4 Ensure public safety equipment and personnel needs are being met</p>

SUMMARY:

The Burleson Police Department is seeking allocation of Opioid Settlement Funds awarded to the City of Burleson to purchase equipment related to drug safety, prevention, detection, and destruction. The PD seeks allocation of funds to operate the public drug disposal box at a current annual cost of \$6,030 for the drug disposal bladders. Related to narcotic safety, detection and prevention the PD requests allocation of funds for a portable handheld X-ray detection system (\$57,735). The X-ray imager will allow for rapid, non-intrusive inspection of vehicles and containers without having to dismantle property. Also related to narcotics safety and detection the PD requests allocation of funds for a TruNarc narcotics analyzer (\$31,079). The analyzer is a handheld spectroscopy analyzer that can identify over 1200 substances for field identification reducing the handling and exposure of employees to unnecessary contact with substances. The analyzer provides a detailed report for the presumptive results rather than relying on a chemical field test kit color interpretation for results. The PD seeks to purchase 100 naloxone HCl (commonly known as Narcan) nasal spray units for distribution to first line personnel (\$4,000). Narcan is a nasal spray that rapidly reverses opioid overdoses. The FD uses Narcan in a different variant that is administered with a Mucosal Atomization Device and we request funds be allocated to the FD for the purchase of that variant and the required administration devices.

RECOMMENDATION:

Seeking the Public Safety Committee's guidance on these items.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

None

REFERENCE:

None

FISCAL IMPACT:

Proposed Expenditure/Revenue: \$104,868

Account Number(s):

Fund: Opioid Settlement Funds Account

Account Description:

Procurement Method:

STAFF CONTACT:

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Public Safety Committee Burleson Police Department

Opioid Settlement Allocation Request

June 03, 2026

Captain Wes Routson

Opioid Settlement Funds

- The opioid settlement funds are funds received from multiple legal settlement agreements between a coalition of states, local governments, and companies involved in the production, distribution, and/or sale of opioids. The companies were sued for their role in the nationwide opioid crisis, which has resulted in opioid addiction and overdose deaths. The Texas Attorney General negotiated multiple legal settlements, and the City Council has agreed that the City should participate in these different settlements.
- The City must use the funds to address opioid-related harms in the community. Most of the settlements contained a list of opioid remediation uses, which is a non-exhaustive list of fund uses and strategies that can guide the City in the spending of the settlement funds. The strategies focus on treatment of opioid use disorder through treatment, prevention, and training.
- Currently the City has \$113,860.27 in opioid settlement funds.
- The City began receiving funds in 2023 and has not spent any funds to date.
- Will the City receive additional funds?
 - It is likely, though the City does not know how much more it will receive at this time.

Opioid Settlement Funding Allocation Requests

PD asks for allocation of some of the Opioid Settlement funds awarded to the city to purchase the following pieces of equipment related to drug safety, prevention, detection, and destruction.

- MedSafe Disposal Box bladders
- Nighthawk-BTX Handheld X-Ray Backscatter Imaging System
- TruNarc Spectroscopy Narcotics Analyzer
- Narcan nasal spray
- Narcan and Mucosal Atomization Device for FD use

MedSafe Disposal

- Started by the BCPAAA program in 2016.
- 38-gallon liners for collecting prescription medications for disposal.
- Each liner holds about 50lbs of medications.
- Average filling of a 38-gallon liner is every 2-3 weeks.
- 2016 we disposed of about 665lbs of meds.
- By 2020 we were disposing over 1200lbs of meds annually.



Item B.

MedSafe Disposal Box

- 2026 we closed the MedSafe box as the costs had climbed to \$5,400 annually to maintain it.
 - In the 2026 budget review process this item was reduced to save on costs.
- We were able to get some donations for the first part of 2026 to operate it for half of the year but those sources were not consistent.
- MedSafe liners (bladders) come in packs of 4 and currently cost \$1,005.
 - Cost is for shipping, tracking, and disposal of the MedSafe boxes.
- We need about 24 liners per year.
- Annual cost currently averages \$6,030.

Nighthawk-BTX X-ray Imaging System

- Handheld imager designed to locate narcotics and contraband concealed within vehicles or containers.
- Targeted x-ray shielding for safe operation without increasing exposure to operator.



Item B.

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**LUGGAGE
GUN & PIPE BOMB**



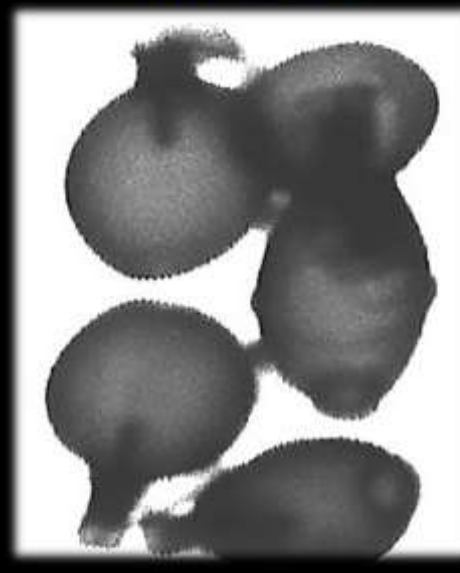
**FIRE EXTINGUISHER
CELL PHONE IED**



**PURSE
HANDGUN**



**SMALL PACKAGE
GRENADES**



**GAS CONTAINER
DRUGS (FLOATERS)**



**THICK STEEL PIPE
GUN & DRUGS**



**TIRE
GUN & DRUGS**



**DIFFERENTIAL
(HOLLOWED OUT) DRUGS**



**BUMPER
GUN & DRUGS**



Nighthawk-BTX X-Ray System

- Capable of taking x-ray photos and images.
- Stores the images for evidentiary purposes.
- Cost \$57,735 for portable handheld X-ray scanner.

TruNarc Spectroscopy Analyzer



TruNarc Delta Analyzer

- Capable of detecting over 1200 substances.
- Generates tamperproof records with complete scan results, including time-and-date stamps.
- Capable of scanning pills and substances through clear packaging.
- PD currently has one TruNarc spectroscopy analyzer that was purchased with grant funding in 2021.
- This is the preferred instrument for presumptive testing.
- Cost \$31,080.

Narcan Nasal Spray



Narcan Nasal Spray

- Rapidly reverses the effects of life-threatening opioid overdose.
- Safe to administer to people of all ages.
- Shelf life of 4 years.
- Works on opioids such as: prescription pain relivers, heroin, and fentanyl.
- PD has successfully utilized Narcan many times since we began issuing it to officers in the field.
- Cost for 100 units is about \$4,000.

Narcan – FD Version

- FD utilizes a different variant of Narcan from the nasal spray variant.
- FD uses a version that requires Mucosal Atomization Devices for effective administration.
- Consideration to use funds for FD supply of this variant of Narcan and the required devices.
- Cost for 55 doses is about \$550.

Questions/Comments


Public Safety & Court Committee

DEPARTMENT: Police
FROM: Billy Cordell, Chief of Police
MEETING: June 3, 2026

SUBJECT:

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide recommendations to the city council on Ebikes and electric vehicles in city parks and on city owned property. *(Staff Contact: Wes Routson, Captain)*

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND GOAL(S):

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
 <p>Beautiful, Safe, & Vibrant Community</p>	<p>1.2 Continue community policing and risk reduction programs</p>

SUMMARY:

Have a discussion with the Public Safety Committee regarding the use of Ebikes inside of city parks and on city owned properties. Discuss the different classes of Ebikes and the related state laws and city ordinances on their use.

RECOMMENDATION:

Seeking Public Safety Committee’s guidance on these items.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

None

REFERENCE:

None

FISCAL IMPACT:

Proposed Expenditure/Revenue: NA
Account Number(s): NA
Fund: NA
Account Description: NA
Procurement Method: NA

STAFF CONTACT:

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Public Safety Committee Burleson Police Department

E-Bike and E-Motorcycle use in Parks
Lieutenant Brandon Glass

Objective

- Assessing the increase in E-Bike and E-Motorcycle usage throughout Burleson and its impact on city operations.
- Understand the current laws on E-Bikes and E-Motorcycles.
- Identify current City Ordinances in place.
- Recognize current State Laws in place.
- Recommendations from PD.





Item C.

City Impact

- The city has seen an increase in E-Bike and E-Motorcycle usage in City Parks and City Streets.
- There have been increased concerns and complaints called into the police department by citizens regarding the usage of these types of bicycles in the parks and on the trails maintained by the Parks Department.
- Officers have worked minor accidents involving E-Bikes by juveniles.
 - Juvenile hit a car at a 4-way stop and was riding an illegal e-motorcycle.
 - *Minor Injury sustained
 - Juvenile hit a parked trailer and was riding a Class 2 E-Bike. Rider was distracted on his phone and the top speed attainable was in-question regarding legitimate Class 2 rating.
 - *Minor Injury sustained

E-Bike Versus E-Motorcycle

E-BIKE



E-MOTORCYCLE



E-Bike Definition

E-Bikes are divided into three classes:

- **Class 1:** Motor assists only while pedaling; maximum speed of 20 MPH
- **Class 2:** Motor assists without pedaling; maximum speed of 20 MPH
- **Class 3:** Motor assists while pedaling; maximum speed between 20–28 MPH

Per Transportation Code §664.001, an electric bicycle is defined as a bicycle equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of fewer than 750 watts, with a top speed of 28 MPH or less.

* If the E-Bike has greater than the 750 watt motor, it is no longer classified as a bicycle, but now defined as a motor vehicle Sec. 541.201 Texas Transportation Code.

Current City Ordinances

- § 58-6 Off-road recreational motor vehicles in parks.
- § 58-21 Trail use.
- § 58-23 Bicycles, roller blades, skateboards and other wheeled equipment.
- § 58-24 Interference with users.

City Ordinances

§ 58-6 Off-road recreational motor vehicles in parks.

(Ord. No. CSO#103-12-2014, § 1, 12-8-2014)

The riding of off-road recreational motor vehicles, including, but not limited to, motorcycles (commonly referred to as "dirt bikes") and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), is prohibited in all city parks except when such use is by a city employee in the exercise of their official duties.

City Ordinances

§ 58-21 Trail use.

(Ord. No. CSO#103-12-2014, § 1, 12-8-2014)

(a) No person shall operate or use or a motor vehicle, including motorcycles, scooters or mini-bikes, on a trail or path not designated for use by such vehicle. This prohibition shall not apply to motorized mobility devices as defined by V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 542.009.

(b) Persons who operate bicycles or in-line skates on designated paved trails shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.

(c) Joggers shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians on designated trails.

(d) Trail users shall leave ample room on the trail for other users to pass safely.

City Ordinances

§ 58-23 Bicycles, roller blades, skateboards and other wheeled equipment.

(Ord. No. CSO#103-12-2014, § 1, 12-8-2014)

It shall be unlawful for any person to use a bicycle, roller blades, skateboard, scooters or other wheeled equipment, excluding wheeled equipment for the disabled, in designated parks or recreation areas or any portion of parks or recreation areas where such use is prohibited and has been so designated by signs indicating such prohibition.

- No parks have been identified as having been designated under this ordinance at this time.

City Ordinances

§ 58-24 Interference with users.

(Ord. No. CSO#103-12-2014, § 1, 12-8-2014)

(a) No person shall prevent, disturb or unreasonably interfere with any other persons occupying any area or participating in any lawful activity permitted within any park.

(b) No person shall act in disorderly manner or otherwise disturb the peace in any city park.

(c) No person shall operate or use any audio or other noise-producing device, including, but not limited to, radios, televisions or musical instruments and motorized equipment in such a manner as to unreasonably annoy or endanger persons at any time or exceed state and local laws governing noise levels.

State Laws

Sec. 551.106. REGULATION OF BICYCLES BY DEPARTMENT OR LOCAL AUTHORITY.

(a) The department or a local authority may not prohibit the operation of an electric bicycle:

- (1) on a highway that is used primarily by motor vehicles; or
- (2) in an area in which the operation of a nonelectric bicycle is permitted, unless the area is a path that:
 - (A) is not open to motor vehicles; and
 - (B) has a natural surface tread made by clearing and grading the native soil without adding surfacing materials.

(b) The department or a local authority may:

- (1) prohibit the operation of a bicycle on a sidewalk; and
- (2) establish speed limits for bicycles on paths set aside for the exclusive operation of bicycles and other paths on which bicycles may be operated.

(c) The department may establish rules for the administration of this section if necessary.

State Laws

Sec. 551.107. OPERATION OF ELECTRIC BICYCLE.

- (a) Subtitles A, B, and D and Chapter 551A do not apply to the operation of an electric bicycle.
- (b) A person may not operate an electric bicycle unless the electric motor disengages or ceases to function either:
 - (1) when the operator stops pedaling; or
 - (2) when the brakes are applied.
- (c) **A person may not operate a Class 3 electric bicycle, as defined by Section 664.001, unless the person is at least 15 years of age. This subsection does not prohibit a person who is under 15 years of age from riding on a Class 3 bicycle as a passenger.**

Recommendation

Utilize the City Ordinances that are currently in place.

Update City Ordinance “58-6 Off-road recreational motor vehicles in parks” to specifically include E-Motorcycles into the language outlined.

- The riding of off-road recreational motor vehicles, including, but not limited to, motorcycles (commonly referred to as "dirt bikes"), **E-Motorcycles (Electric Bikes without Pedals or E-Bikes that are over the 750W rating defined by the Texas Transportation Code)** and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), is prohibited in all city parks except when such use is by a city employee in the exercise of their official duties.

Educate staff on E-Bike specific laws and the difference between E-Bikes and E-Motorcycles.

Educate citizens and parents of juveniles that are operating E-Bikes that fall outside of the Texas definition of Electric Bicycle with the 3 classifications.

Take appropriate enforcement action of offenders in violation of the city ordinance or state law.

Question/Comments
