



EASTLAND-FAIRFIELD

EASTLAND CAREER CENTER

Assistant Chief Smith,

I am reaching out from Eastland Fairfield Career Center regarding our High School Firefighting Program. Our goal is to make this vital training more accessible and affordable for all students, and we are actively seeking ways to lower the initial costs each participant faces.

One significant expense for our students is the rental of personal protective equipment (PPE), which currently amounts to about \$1,700 per student. To address this, we are seeking donations of any out-of-date or out-of-service PPE your department may have available to reduce the duration and extent of PPE rentals.

We would utilize donated PPE to equip students for all non-Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) fire training activities, and assume all responsibilities associated with receiving the out-of-service/date PPE. This change would enable us to significantly reduce PPE rental costs—from \$1,700 to approximately \$250 per student. Please note, however, that we will continue to rent certified PPE for all IDLH training environments to ensure the highest safety standards are maintained.

If your department has any outdated or out-of-service PPE that could be donated, we would be extremely grateful. Your support will make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students and help ensure the next generation of firefighters receive the training they need.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or to arrange a donation.

Thank you for your consideration and support!

Sincerely,

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