

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** April 26, 2023

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Thru:** Doug Thornley, City Manager

**Subject:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of Donation from the Thatcher Company of Nevada, Inc. for deployable air shelter systems and corresponding equipment to be used by the Regional TRIAD team at an approximate value of \$110,000.

**From:** Dave Cochran, Fire Chief

**Department:** Fire Department

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**Summary:**

The Thatcher Company of Nevada has offered to donate four deployable air shelter systems and related components to the regional TRIAD at an approximate value of \$110,000. These shelters will be used for rehab, triage, command, decontamination, isolation/infection control, surge capacity, and sleeping quarters during HAZMAT incidents. The acceptance of this donation meets two of the goals laid out in the City's Strategic Plan of Fiscal Sustainability and Public Safety. Staff requests Council acceptance of a donation from Thatcher Company of Nevada, Inc. for four deployable air shelter systems and corresponding equipment to be used by the regional TRIAD team with an approximate value of \$110,000.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

Fiscal Sustainability  
Public Safety

**Previous Council Action:**

There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

**Discussion:**

Thatcher Group, Inc. is a global leader in chemical manufacturing, distribution, and related services. Thatcher Group, Inc. is a privately held company founded in 1967 with 13 locations throughout the United States, including Thatcher Company of Nevada located in Sparks. As a major chemical manufacturer, local Thatcher Company leadership contacted the regional TRIAD to inquire about equipment needs and the possibility of a donation on behalf of the organization.

With a deployable air shelter identified as a high priority need for the TRIAD, Thatcher Company leadership volunteered to purchase four air shelters and donate them to support local HAZMAT operations. These deployable air shelter systems were adapted to withstand the conditions of any environment or situation with their exceptional durability, ease of use, and speed of deployment. Through the generosity of the Thatcher Company of Nevada, each member of the regional TRIAD will have the ability to deploy these shelters during an incident to better serve our first responders and the community.

**Financial Implications:**

There are no financial implications associated with this item.

**Legal Implications:**

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada Law. NRS 268.008(6) provides that the city may "Receive bequests, devises, gifts and donations of all kinds of property wherever situated in fee simple, in trust or otherwise, for charitable or other purposes and do anything necessary to carry out the purposes of such bequests, devises, gifts and donations with full power to manage, sell, lease or otherwise dispose of such property in accordance with the terms of such bequest, devise, gift or donation."

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends Council accept the donation of four deployable air shelter systems from Thatcher Company Nevada, Inc. for the Regional HAZMAT team (TRIAD).

**Proposed Motion:**

I move to approve staff recommendation.