

Legislation Text

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# MEMORANDUM

**TO**: Board of Supervisors

**FROM**: William Davidson, Director, Animal Care & Control

**DATE**: May 15, 2018

**SUBJECT**: Approve Out of State Travel for Jonathan Armas to attend the Equine Investigators Academy on a full scholarship in Durango, Colorado

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Dear Board Members,

Once again I would like to ask for your approval to send one of our officers, Jonathan Armas, to the Equine Investigators Academy in Durango Colorado between August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Code 3 Associates has provided us with a FULL scholarship valued at \$1850, leaving us with just the flight to and from Durango, Colorado (appx \$450). This is a complete scholarship including room, board, and texts. As we currently have funds available in our Travel/Transportation budget, and the cost of flights usually rises the closer you get to the departure date, we are making this request now, rather than in the new fiscal year.

Code 3 Associates, a non-profit 501 C 3, is associated with the University of Colorado for accreditation and concentrates their educational efforts on training and disaster response. This organization has provided us with multiple scholarships over the years, and continues do to so. Their generosity is once again allowing us to receive top notch training at a fraction of the cost.

The Equine Investigators Academy covers such topics as: Equine Psychology, Identification, Body Condition Scoring, Anatomy, Veterinary Care, Foot and Leg Care, Property Inspections, Catching and Handling, Vital Signs, First Aid, Nutrition, Search and Seizure, Interview and Behavioral Analysis, and is of paramount importance to our officers working in such a rural and horse minded community.

FISCAL IMPACT: \_\_\_\_ None \_X\_Budgeted \_\_\_Non-Budgeted Estimated Cost: \$450 Amount Budgeted: Additional Requested: Annual Cost (if planned for future years):

#### FISCAL IMPACT (Narrative):

## STAFFING IMPACT (if applicable): None

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve Out of State Travel for Jonathan Armas to attend the Equine Investigators Academy on a full scholarship in Durango, Colorado.