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To: Lemoore City Council Item # 9
From: Jeff Briltz, City Manager
Date: May 10, 2011
Subject: 90th Anniversary Celebration for Lemoore Volunteer Fire Department

Discussion:

2011 is the 90th Anniversary of the Lemoore Volunteer Fire Department. The Fire Department was officially organized as a Committee Activity of the American Legion July 1, 1921. The Fire Department not only protects our community from fire, with an ISO Class 3 rating, and answers EMT calls; they also participate in events in the City such as the Christmas parade, Relay for Life, 4th of July parade, and the annual Christmas Tree raising an event that has taken place in Lemoore since 1925.

In 1996 the City held a 75th Anniversary celebration that included a Firemen's Muster in City Park, with activities for children young and old, and hot dogs and drinks for everyone who attended. The day concluded with a private dinner and entertainment honoring current and former members of the department with presentations from Federal, State and local governmental officials.

Staff is requesting approval to plan a 90th Anniversary celebration similar to the 75th Anniversary celebration to be scheduled sometime in September 2011, and included in the 2011-2012 budget.

Fire Chief Gibson believes the current and former members of the Department would be very appreciative of the honor.

Budget Impact:

Sponsorships will be solicited to assist in subsidizing the total cost of approximately \$10,000-\$12,000.

Recommendation:

That the Council, by motion, approve a 90th Anniversary celebration for the Lemoore Volunteer Fire Department and direct staff to include it in the 2011-2012 Operations and Maintenance Budget.