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## **Hidalgo County District Clerk Office Presents \$3,000 to Edinburg Explorer Fire Post**

**Edinburg, Texas** – The Hidalgo County District Clerk Office presented today a check totaling \$3,000 to the Edinburg Explorer Fire Post 2002 as part of their *Blues for Bucks Workplace Fundraising Campaign*, benefiting local charitable organizations. The Explorer Fire Post is a non-profit division of the Boy Scouts of America and is part of the *Learning for Life* career education program for young men and women who are 14 years of age but have not yet reached their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. “Fire Service Exploring” is a worksite-based program that helps youth interested in the field of fire service gain insight through its five areas of emphasis: career opportunities, life skills, service learning, character education, and leadership experience.

“Our staff is delighted to contribute to the Edinburg Explorer Fire Post, which is helping to promote growth and development of adolescent youth in our community,” said Laura Hinojosa, Hidalgo County District Clerk. “We hope our donation will help to continue engaging our youth in gaining the knowledge and experience necessary for fire service, which is in itself an important contribution to our society.”

The district clerk office kicked off their charitable efforts in 2008 as part of the American Heart Association’s *Go Red for Women* campaign. The program, which allows department staff to wear jeans every Friday in exchange for a \$5 donation, has since then expanded their efforts through the creation of a “charitable organizations list” of which staff randomly selects a recipient every six months. Over the past three years the district clerk office has collected over \$17,000 which has gone to the American Heart Association, the American Diabetes Association, Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Valley Humane Society, and the Renaissance Cancer Foundation.

“We are extremely appreciative of the district clerk staff’s contributions to our Explorer Fire Post which works diligently to provide our youth with the skills and leadership training essential in the fire service industry,” said Mr. Roland Parsley, Deputy Chief, Edinburg Fire Department. “This contribution will go towards the operation of our program and will assist us in providing our youth with competition opportunities, education and life skills training for their future successes.”

For more information regarding the Edinburg Explorer Fire Post log on to [www.cityofedinburg.com/aboutfire.php](http://www.cityofedinburg.com/aboutfire.php) or contact Ms. Sally Jaime or Mr. Homer Garza at 956.292.2001.

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