



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Police

Date: December 3, 2014

To: Blong Yang – Chair, Public Safety, Civil Rights and Emergency Management

Referral to: John Quincy, Chair, Ways and Means Full Council

Subject: Request Permission to Contract with the League of Minnesota Cities for On-line Law Enforcement Training

Recommendation: That the proper officials be authorized to execute a contract agreement with the League of Minnesota Cities for access to their online law enforcement training for police officers. The one-year contract cost is estimated to be \$95,000 and is in the Police General Fund Budget.

Previous Directives: None

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Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ___ Date _____
- Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan Approval ___ Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ___ Date _____

Financial Impact

- No financial impact
- Action is within the Business Plan

Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification
- City Goals
- Comprehensive Plan
- Zoning Code
- Other

Supporting Information

The Police Department requests permission to contract with the League of Minnesota Cities for access to their accredited online training for law enforcement personnel as a means to facilitate mandated yearly training for MPD officers. Online training costs are estimated to be \$95,000 in the Police General Fund budget but will reduce the need for other travel/training costs in the General Fund budget.

- The League's online training is currently used by over 3,000 officers around the state of Minnesota.
- The courses are tailored to Minnesota law and are approved by the MN Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Board before being offered to users.
- The courses are offered on a per user fee.
- The PRC granted a waiver due to the single source nature of the contract/training.
- The MN POST Board currently requires that MN peace officers earn 48 credits of continuing education every 3 years. A user of the Leagues' online training would be able to satisfy over half of those credits should they take all courses offered over the course of one year.
- Officers would be able to take portions of their mandated training at any time. This would alleviate the adverse impact to staffing that occurs presently due to the fact that we must schedule large blocks of training time that requires significant logistical work and takes officers away from their assigned duties for period longer than that which would be required to complete online course work.
- Each course takes approximately 1 hour and includes a test. Officers must achieve a minimum score to receive credit for the course.