



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Fire Department

Date: February 21, 2006

To: Don Samuels, Chair, Public Safety and Regulatory Services

Referral to: Paul Ostrow, Chair, Ways and Means/Budget Committee, and
Barbara Johnson, President, City Council

Subject: City Council approval and authorization for the Minneapolis Fire Department to Request for Proposals for specialized Emergency Medical Service (EMS) training to all of the department's Emergency Medical Service Technicians (EMT's). Training to be conducted for personnel while on duty and at designated MFD training facilities.

Recommendation: City Council approval and authorization for the Minneapolis Fire Department to issue a Request for Proposals for specialized Emergency Medical Service (EMS) training to all of the department's Emergency Medical Service Technicians (EMT's), pending the approval of the Permanent Review Committee. Training to be conducted for personnel while on duty and at designated MFD training facilities.

Previous Directives: City Council approval in April of 2001, to Request for Proposals for specialized EMS training to all of the department's Emergency Medical Service Technicians (EMT's).

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Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval Pending

Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval ____ Date of Approval ____ Not Applicable X

Note: The Policy Review Group is a committee co-chaired by the City Clerk and the City Coordinator that must review all requests related to establishing or changing enterprise policies.

Presenters in Committee (name, title)

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget or Operating Budget.
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves.
- Business Plan: Action is within the plan. Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Neighborhood Notification

City Goals

Comprehensive Plan

Zoning Code

Other

Background/Supporting Information:

The Minneapolis Fire Department is making a request for proposals from providers specializing in EMS training. Since 1997, our EMS training has been provided by Hennepin County Medical Center, EMS Education, and delivered in a continuing education format to all of our sworn personnel while on duty.

Prior to beginning this program, the Minneapolis Fire Department had 171 individuals with expired EMT certifications. Since this programs inception we have successfully recertified every EMT certification. Not one EMT certification has lapsed into expiration.

Our goal is to continue with the ongoing EMS format and provide all of the department's Emergency Medical Technicians with quality EMS training that meets the State of Minnesota Emergency Medical Service Regulatory Board's re-certification requirements for Emergency Medical Technician.