



## **Request for City Council Committee Action from the Fire Department**

Date: August 1, 2007

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

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

**Subject: Approval to accept the proposal from SPEC Rescue International, to provide structural collapse rescue training programs for the Minneapolis Fire Department fire suppression personnel, and surrounding departments participating in a regional collapse rescue team; and to work with a city attorney on the development of an agreement to provide the service.**

**Recommendation: Approval to accept the proposal from SPEC Rescue International, in the amount of \$46,014 for each training program, to provide structural collapse rescue training programs for the Minneapolis Fire Department fire suppression personnel, and surrounding departments participating in a regional collapse rescue team.**

**Approval to work with a city attorney on the development of an agreement with SPEC Rescue International to conduct the specialized training programs for one year, with an option to renew each year for up to an additional four years.**

**Fire Department may choose to have this training program conducted twice a year, and should funding be available, may request SPEC Rescue to do additional training. We are requesting the annual amount of the agreement to accommodate up to \$150,000 per year.**

**Previous Directives: City Council approval on February 23, 2007 to RFP for Structural Collapse Rescue Training Programs.**

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Approved by: James Clack, Fire Chief \_\_\_\_\_

Presenters in Committee: John Fruetel, Asst. Fire Chief

**Reviews**

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Impact**

- X No financial impact
- 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
- Action is within the Business Plan
- Action requires a change to the Business Plan
- Other financial impact
- Request provided to the Finance Department when provided to the Committee Coordinator

**Community Impact**

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

**Supporting Information:**

**Note attached letter from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety – Homeland Security and Emergency Management.**

**The responses to the Structural Collapse Rescue Training request for proposals have been evaluated for compliance with State and Federal requirements and a cost analysis completed. The three companies that submitted proposals are as follows:**

**Ark Technical Rescue**

**Spec Rescue International**

**Collapse Rescue System**

**Spec Rescue International proposed \$46,014 per program, and this was the highest bid from the three proposals.**

**This training is funded by a Federal Grant that stipulates qualified training providers must meet the FEMA USAR certification requirements. The State of Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) Agency, along with Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MNSCU) have reviewed and approved all of the instructor's resumes and credentials that are required by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Spec Rescue International was the only company meeting the certification requirements of the grant.**