



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Departments of the City Coordinator and Regulatory Services & Emergency Preparedness

Date: June 9, 2010

To: Council Member Don Samuels, Chair – Public Safety & Health Committee

Subject: Transfer of Minneapolis Emergency Communications Center (911) from City Coordinator to Department of Regulatory Services & Emergency Preparedness

Recommendation: Approval of the resolution

Previous Directives: None

Department Information

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Reviews

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

Financial Impact

- No financial impact

Community Impact

- City Goals

Supporting Information

Approval of the resolution would transfer the Minneapolis Emergency Communications Center (911) from the City Coordinator to become an agency reporting to the Director of Regulatory Services & Emergency Preparedness.

Minneapolis 311 will remain the physical backup center for 911 operations and will also remain as an agency reporting to the City Coordinator. The User Board will remain the governing entity of the Minneapolis Emergency Communications Center (911).

Proposed resolution attached

By Samuels

Whereas, the Minneapolis Emergency Communications Center (911) completed its transfer from the Police Department to an agency reporting to the City Coordinator in 2003; and

Whereas, Minneapolis Charter Chapter 3, Section 3 provides that the City Council shall prescribe by ordinance or resolution the general duties of the City Coordinator; and

Whereas, with the separation of the Minneapolis Emergency Communications Center (911) and Minneapolis 311, the City Coordinator has reviewed the placement of each function in the organizational structure for the City of Minneapolis; and

Whereas, the Department of Regulatory Services currently manages several key emergency preparedness operations including: Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP), Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), Port Security Plan (PSP), All Hazards Communications Plan, Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grants and programming, and Metropolitan Emergency Medical Grant Planning; and

Whereas, Regulatory Services and the Minneapolis Emergency Communications Center (911) each perform key roles in the coordination of emergency services response; and

Whereas, the newly constructed Emergency Operations and Training Facility (EOTF) and Strategic Information Center (SIC) is designed to provide proactive, early intervention in criminal activity and hazardous conditions, thus requiring seamless integration with Minneapolis Emergency Communications Center (911) business processes; and

Whereas, consolidating emergency service operations, including the Minneapolis Emergency Communications Center (911) operations under the Department of Regulatory Services is consistent with internal business planning initiatives as well as being a main component of the City's Emergency Management Business Plan; and

Whereas, formally aligning emergency communications and emergency preparedness will ensure that the City maximizes coordination of key public safety communication activities; and

Whereas, this transfer will simplify the distribution of grant dollars to support the training, technology, and systems needed to efficiently dispatch public safety resources to local or regional situations.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

Effective upon the date of the passage of this Resolution, the Minneapolis Emergency Communications Center (911), with its User Board remaining as governing entity, will be transferred from the City Coordinator to become an agency reporting to the Director of the Department of Regulatory Services, and further, that Minneapolis 311 will remain the physical backup center for 911 operations and will also remain as an agency reporting to the City Coordinator.