



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Fire Department**

Date: June 22, 2005

To: Public Safety & Regulatory Services Committee

Referral to:

Subject: Adoption of a Standard of Coverage for the Minneapolis Fire Department.

Recommendation: Approval of the attached and incorporated *Minneapolis Fire Department Standards of Response Coverage* as the officially adopted and ratified standard of coverage for the fire department.

Previous Directives: At the June 8, 2005 meeting of the PS&RS Committee, the Fire Chief delivered a report on the results of the department's accreditation application and site visit and was directed to report back "with a recommended standard of coverage, consistent with the service level set forth in the accreditation report."

Prepared or Submitted by: Joel Fussy, Assistant City Attorney

Approved by: _____
Bonnie Bleskachek, Fire Chief

Presenters in Committee: Bonnie Bleskachek, Fire Chief

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

Action requires use of contingency or reserves

Other financial impact (Explain): *Action adopts a minimum staffing commitment applicable to the fire department; staffing commitment level, at this time, is within the current staffing profile of the department.*

Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)
City Goals

Background/Supporting Information Attached

In preparation for a site visit from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International, the staff of the Minneapolis Fire Department prepared voluminous documentary and reference material required for the accreditation process. As noted by Fire Chief Bleskachek in her report before the Public Safety & Regulatory Services Committee on June 8, 2005 this process was extremely beneficial as a critical self-review and self-analysis.

In conjunction with the accreditation process, the department examined multiple functions dealing with response, coverage and staffing issues. The attached document entitled *Minneapolis Fire Department Standards of Response Coverage* represents the culmination of this process and defines a host of departmental commitments in these critical areas.

Although this standard of coverage document relates to many aspects of fire department operations, a key component is embodied in Section 7, Minimum Fire Department Staffing. This section establishes an optimal daily fire suppression staffing level of 114 personnel below the rank of battalion chief and a minimum commitment to 96 such personnel.

It is the desire and request of the department that the City Council and Mayor join in this service commitment by formally ratifying the document as the officially adopted standard of coverage for the Minneapolis Fire Department.

[*See attached and incorporated document: *Minneapolis Fire Department Standards of Response Coverage*]
