



## 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 Committee

**Subject: Grant-Funded Contract for Professional Services over \$50,000  
between the City of Minneapolis Fire Department and the City of  
St. Paul Fire Department.**

**Recommendation: Approval and authorization for the Minneapolis Fire Department to enter into a Grant-Funded contract for Professional Services with the City of St. Paul Fire Department in the amount of \$150,184.97. St. Paul Fire Department personnel attended Structural Collapse Training as planned in the 2005 Homeland Security Grant. The Minneapolis/St. Paul agreement will authorize reimbursement to St. Paul Fire Department for their overtime costs for personnel attending the training.**

**Previous Directives: N/A**

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Approved by: Bonnie Bleskachek, Fire Chief \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Review Committee (PRC)** Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Not Applicable

**Note:** To determine if applicable see <http://insite/finance/purchasing/permanent-review-committee-overview.asp>

**Policy Review Group (PRG)** Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Not Applicable

**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: Bonnie Bleskachek, Fire Chief

### 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 2005 Homeland Security Grant plans included structural collapse rescue training to participating municipalities. Spec Rescue International was selected as the organization to provide the training. The cost to pay the overtime from St. Paul Fire Department attendees was over \$50,000, requiring City Council approval for a Grant Fund professional services agreement.**