



Request for City Council Committee Action

Date: September 22, 2004
To: Public Safety and Regulatory Services Committee
Referral to: Ways and Means Committee

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Approved by: Deputy Chief Tim Dolan, Police Department _____

Subject Request to collect \$100.00 fee from retired law enforcement officers who apply to the Minneapolis Police Department to get a certificate for carrying concealed firearms. This is pursuant to the recently passed Federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004.

Presenters in Committee: Lt. Mike Sauro, MPD Operations Development

Recommendation

The Police Department respectfully requests authorization for the department to collect a \$100.00 per applicant fee for the firearm training and certification of retired law enforcement officers.

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

Background/Supporting Information

The Federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 allows off-duty and retired law enforcement officer to carry concealed weapons. In order to qualify to carry their concealed weapons, officers will have to maintain firearm training and carry proof of affiliation with a law enforcement agency. In addition, retired officers have to carry proof that they have met, within the past year and at their expense, the standards for carrying guns. The certification should be issued either by the agency from where they retired or by the State in which they reside. No Minnesota State Agency, including the MN POST Board, issues certificates for firearm qualification. As per the MN POST Board's recommendation, the Minneapolis Police Department has decided to offer training and qualification to the retired officers and charge \$100.00 to cover the expenses. The fee will be shared by the Police Licensing Unit who do the background check and Police Range where they will receive training and certification.

The applicants will sign an indemnification agreement protecting the City from any liability before receiving any firearm training and certification.