



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Fire Department

Date August 21, 2003

To Dan Niziolek, Chair, Public Safety & Regulatory Services Committee

Referral to Barbara Johnson, Chair, Ways & Means Committee
Paul Ostrow, President, Minneapolis City Council

Subject Rehire 32 Laid Off Firefighters

Recommendation

The Fire Department now has the funds to rehire the 32 laid off Firefighters. This was accomplished through successful attainment of numerous grants and disciplined adherence to strategies set forth in the department business plan. Combined with the savings from military leaves, the 2003 budget has enough dollars remaining to bring the FTE's back on September 21st.

A detailed analysis has been conducted by the Fire Chief and Finance staff and Chief Forté intends to move forward and bring firefighters back to the job. The department has funding to maintain this staffing through 2003. If there is City Council support for the proposed 2004 Fire Department budget, the department will be able to maintain this level of resources next year as well.

Previous Directives

On June 11, 2002, Chief Forté reported to the Public Safety & Regulatory Services Committee on the department's Recovery Plan for Returning Laid Off Firefighters Back to Work. In this report Chief Forté told the Committee the Recovery Plan would be re-assessed in September and he would report back at that time on how many Firefighters could be rehired.

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Approved by

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Presenters in Committee

Rocco Forté, 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):
- Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

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