



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Fire Department

Date: October 5, 2005

To: Dan Niziolek, Chair, Public Safety and Regulatory Services

Referral to: Barbara Johnson, Chair, Ways and Means/Budget Committee and
Paul Ostrow, Chair, City Council

Subject: Request for Proposals, to provide various credit-based firefighter training programs for employees of the Minneapolis Fire Department.

Recommendation: City Council approval and authorization for the Minneapolis Fire Department to proceed with a Request for Proposals, to provide various credit-based firefighter training programs for employees of the Minneapolis Fire Department, pending the approval of the Permanent Review Committee.

Previous Directives: On July 14, 2000, City Council authorized the Fire Department to Request for Proposals for various credit-based firefighter training programs for employees of the Minneapolis Fire Department.

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Approved by: Bonnie Bleskachek, Fire Chief _____

Permanent Review Committee Approval _____ Not Applicable _____

Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval **X** pending 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: Ulysses Seal, Assistant Fire Chief

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

X 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

Background/Supporting Information Attached

We are asking for authorization to Request for Proposals from institutions qualified to provide various credit-based firefighter training programs for employees of the Minneapolis Fire Department. These programs must be a part of a recognized degree program that counts towards an Associates degree in fire technology or fire protection. The purpose of this program is to provide a systematic approach for the initial training of new employees, as well as advance training for existing employees to update their current skills and knowledge, and to prepare them for promotional qualifications and testing. This program will also prepare Fire Department personnel for the Department's Succession Plan.