Request for City Council Committee Action from the Fire Department

Date: **August 31, 2011**

To: **Don Samuel, Chair, Public Safety, Civil Rights & Health Cmt.**
Referral to: **Betsy Hodges, Chair, Ways & Means/Budget Cmt.**

Subject: **Assistance to Firefighter Grant Application for FY 2011**

Recommendation: Authorize the Fire Department to apply for a FY 2011 Assistance to Firefighter competitive grant to purchase up to 10 hydraulic tool sets in the amount of approximately $300,000.

Previous Directives:

Department Information

Prepared by: Karen Lowery Wagner, Director of Finance, Minneapolis Fire Department
Approved by: Alan Jackson, Chief, Minneapolis Fire Department
Presenters in Committee: David DeWall Assistant Chief, Minneapolis Fire Department

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ___ Date _____
- Civil Rights Approval Approval ___ Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ___ Date _____

Financial Impact

- Other financial impact – If awarded a grant, an appropriation and revenue increase would be required and the grant would require a 20% local match of any funds awarded.

Community Impact

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

Supporting Information

- Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) provides financial assistance directly to fire departments to enhance their capabilities with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. Congress appropriated a total of $565 million for the FY 2009 AFG and the primary goal is to help fire departments meet their firefighting and emergency response needs. AFG seeks to support organizations that lack the tools and resources necessary to more effectively protect the health and safety of the public and their emergency response personnel with respect to fire and all other hazards. The Department of Homeland Security will provide a higher level of consideration to departments with significant levels of incidents and to departments that protect large populations relative to other applicants, regardless of the type of community served.

- The Minneapolis Fire Department has been a recipient of this grant in the past. In FY 2009 and 2010 funds were used to purchase SCBA equipment and two Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) filling air compressor systems including air compressors. In 2008 we were awarded funding to purchase turnout gear; in 2004 to install exhaust systems in fire stations; in 2003 to purchase fire hoses; in 2002 to purchase defibrillators and in 2001 to purchase SCBA equipment.