



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Fire Department

Date: December 8, 2005

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

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

**Subject: Joint Powers Agreement for Metropolitan Region Homeland
Security Emergency Management.**

Recommendation: Approval and authority for the Minneapolis Fire Department to represent the City of Minneapolis and enter into the Joint Powers Agreement for Metropolitan Region Homeland Security Emergency Management. The Mayor of Minneapolis shall designate the representative from the City of Minneapolis to be on the Governing Board of the Metropolitan Region of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

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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 - 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:

The State of Minnesota, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management has offered a 2005 State Homeland Security Grant of \$500,000 to ten counties in the metropolitan area and the cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul.

To properly administer this grant and similar future grants of a regional nature, the jurisdictions involved have proposed the creation of the Metropolitan Region of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and an associated Joint Powers Agreement among the involved Cities and Counties as a means of administering and executing the provisions of the grant.

The State of Minnesota, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, acting on the direction set by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, intends to encourage regionalization of assets and capabilities in the Twin Cities metro area by disseminating future grants on a regional basis.

The Joint Powers Agreement will enable the City of Minneapolis to prepare for and respond to significant life and property threatening natural and man-made disasters, including terrorism, by using the regional funding offered in this grant and in future years where region-wide grant funds are distributed to the metropolitan region.