

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 98-066  
FEBRUARY 23, 1998 AGENDA**

**SUBJECT:**

**TRANSFER OF USED 1971 CRASH TRUCK  
TO THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC DEFENSE**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**JAMES HUNT  
FIRE CHIEF**

**SYNOPSIS –**

The Fire Department has received a request from the Iowa Department of Public Defense for the use by the Iowa National Guard of a 1971 Walter Crash Truck. This truck is no longer needed for City purposes. The Legal Department and the Iowa Department of Public Defense have prepared a 28E Agreement which allows the Iowa National Guard to use this vehicle for ten years. The City has the right to borrow the truck should it be required for emergency purposes, as long as the truck is not actively engaged in protection of National Guard property.

**FISCAL IMPACT –**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION –**

**Approval of the 28E Agreement which allows the Iowa National Guard to use the vehicle for ten years.**

**BACKGROUND –**

This vehicle was transferred to the Fire Department from the Des Moines International Airport on February 2, 1994, at no cost to the City. The Fire Department subsequently performed some modifications and updating to allow firefighters to utilize it for firefighting. The intent was to use this unit to fight fires in the salvage yards located on the southeast side of the City. Because of the vehicle's large size, its limited ability to maneuver on City streets, and the small number of fires in that area of town, this has proven to be ineffective.

The Fire Department did attempt to locate a facility closer to the salvage yards to store the vehicle, but was unsuccessful. A firefighter who belongs to the Iowa National Guard suggested they contact us to see if it was possible to acquire the vehicle.

Upon approval of the 28E Agreement, all equipment installed on the vehicle by the Fire Department will be removed prior to transfer.