



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

99-141

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

APRIL 5, 1999

SUBJECT:

28E AGREEMENT WITH
CITY OF WEST DES
MOINES FOR FIRE
TRAINING

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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To find a suitable training site for the new Fire Department recruit class which will begin April 19, 1999, staff has worked with the City of West Des Moines to use their facility at 1401 Railroad Avenue. This site was jointly utilized for several academies held in the past six years, and served the purpose well. In the past, the Fire Department has made agreements only lasting the duration of the academy directly affected. This agreement would extend to December 31, 2002, as recommended by the Legal Department. This would address any future academies that would be held prior to the conclusion of this agreement. The advantages to utilization of this facility are the classrooms which are available at the Fire Station, plus the availability of the fire training tower which is located on site. If the Fire Department did not utilize this site, the class work would have to be accomplished at one location, with the practical skills to take place at the Fairgrounds or at the Marine Reserve Training Center at Fort Des Moines. If the Fairgrounds were used instead of the West Des Moines facility, the class work flow would have to be redesigned because of the training schedule and timing of the State Fair. While this could be accomplished, it is not the preferred training approach.

FISCAL IMPACT -

There is no fiscal impact to the Fire Department's Operating Budget. The Des Moines Fire Department instructs both Des Moines and West Des Moines personnel during recruit school to reciprocate the use of their training facility.

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval of the agreement.

BACKGROUND -

In an effort to use the facilities, the City of Des Moines will train approximately 20 recruits. The City of West Des Moines has requested that the City of Des Moines:

1. Shall provide the services of its certified instructors for the teaching and training of firefighting to new recruits of West Des Moines.
2. Shall provide training in hazardous materials awareness to West Des Moines' career, volunteer, and recruit personnel.
3. Shall work with the West Des Moines Fire Marshal's Office to coordinate and implement fire safety programs.