

Meeting Agendas/Info

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:	ITEM _____
01-344	OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA
AGENDA:	SYNOPSIS -
JULY 9, 2001	The Fire Department has prepared a grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) grant. The Fire Department is requesting approval for the formation of a MMRS Task Force to plan, develop, and purchase necessary equipment in the event of a nuclear, biological, or chemical terrorist attack.
SUBJECT: FORMATION OF TASK FORCE AND SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION - METROPOLITAN MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM	FISCAL IMPACT - The total requested grant is \$400,000. Other than the salary cost of personnel, there is no other cost to the City.
TYPE:	RECOMMENDATION -
<u>RESOLUTION</u> ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	Authorization for the City Manager to direct the Fire Department to form a MMRS Task Force and to proceed with the filing of this grant application.
SUBMITTED BY:	BACKGROUND -
RON WAKEHAM FIRE CHIEF	The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has made available a \$400,000 MMRS grant to the City of Des Moines and surrounding communities who have mutual aid agreements with the City.
	The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is providing funding for the planning, development, and identification of training and equipment needs in the event of a terrorist attack.
	This program focuses on the medical needs of the community to ensure adequate health care for victims of a terrorist attack. The MMRS Task Force would develop standard operating procedures (SOP), identify deficiencies in current medical care and equipment,

and be the principal resource in responding to the health and medical consequences of a nuclear, biological, chemical, radiological, and/or explosive attack.

The MMRS Task Force would include local, county, and state agencies, area hospitals, poison control centers, local laboratories, and the American Red Cross. The City of Des Moines will chair the task force.

The task force would then determine the deficiencies in the current system for treating mass casualty incidents. From that, the task force would develop a training system and also identify equipment needs.

The \$400,000 grant would be utilized to correct the deficiencies with proper training and equipment purchases.

The contract term would be 18 months from the contract's approval by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. By the end of that period, training and equipment purchases must be sufficient to effectively treat victims of a terrorist attack.
