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## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

### **City Manager's Office**

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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Submitted by: Phillip C. Vorlander, Chief of the Fire Department

#### **SUBJECT—**

Agreement between the City of Des Moines Fire Department and Mercy School of EMS for the provision of field clinical experience to Mercy students.

#### **SYNOPSIS—**

This action approves a contract with the Mercy School of EMS for the provision of student preceptor services by the Des Moines Fire Department and authorizes the Mayor to execute the agreement.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT—**

None

This service is beneficial to the City of Des Moines and is provided to the Mercy School of EMS at no cost, though Mercy is required to provide Professional Liability Insurance coverage for Mercy participants.

#### **RECOMMENDATION—**

Approval

#### **BACKGROUND—**

The Des Moines Fire Department has enjoyed a mutually advantageous relationship with the Mercy School of EMS for many years. The School has been the primary provider of the City's advanced out of hospital emergency medical training and the City of Des Moines Fire Department has served as a provider of supervised field experience for Mercy students, including City of Des Moines employees. This arrangement allows students to participate in patient care under the direct supervision of designated

DMFD paramedic fire fighters. This three-year contract formalizes the terms of this relationship and is renewable for a second three-year period upon agreement of both parties.