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

SUBJECT—

Approving and authorizing the execution of a Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) grant and designating the Chief of the Fire Department as the authorized representative for the purposes of administering the MMRS grant.

SYNOPSIS—

The Des Moines Fire Department has been awarded a continuing MMRS grant to assist with the planning, training, exercising, and purchasing of specialized equipment necessary to enhance the capabilities of local and state agencies to respond to the public health considerations of incidents of terrorism involving chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) agents and weapons. This resolution designates the Fire Chief as the authorized representative under said agreement for the purposes of requesting and being responsible for funds and preparing and submitting reports in the administration of the MMRS grant and, furthermore, authorizes the Fire Chief to negotiate and execute agreements implementing the training and deployment of equipment funded by the MMRS grant with coordinating private and governmental entities.

FISCAL IMPACT—

\$227,592.00 for the grant period October 1, 2004 to October 30, 2007.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

The City of Des Moines became a part of the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) Program in 2001. The primary focus of the MMRS is to enhance existing emergency preparedness systems to effectively respond to a public health crisis, especially a weapons of mass destruction (WMD) event. Through preparation and coordination, fire, hazmat, EMS, law enforcement, hospital, public health, and other local response personnel will respond more effectively in the first 48 hours of a public health crisis.

\$227,592.00 has been awarded to continue and sustain the Des Moines MMRS preparedness and response efforts through March 30th of 2007. For this grant period, the State of Iowa has been designated as the grantee and the City of Des Moines as the sub-grantee. As a part of the State of Iowa's grant administration process, an authorized representative must be designated to request and be responsible for funds and for the submission of required progress reports. This resolution authorizes and directs the Fire Chief to sign the MMRS agreement on behalf of the City of Des Moines and directs the City Clerk to attest to his signature; furthermore, the Fire Chief is designated the authorized representative under said agreement for the purposes of requesting and being responsible for funds and preparing and submitting required reports.