



# Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date April 23, 2007

Agenda Item No. 37  
Roll Call No. 07-  
Communication No. 07-207  
Submitted by: Phillip C. Vorlander.  
Chief of the Fire Department

## AGENDA HEADING:

Authorizing and accepting the execution of a Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) grant.

## SYNOPSIS:

Approving and authorizing the execution of a Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) grant with the City as subgrantee. This action also designates the Chief of the Fire Department as the authorized representative for the purposes of administering the MMRS grant.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

### Amount:

\$232,330 for the grant period July 1, 2006 to March 31, 2008.

### Funding Source:

United States Department of Homeland Security, Emergency Preparedness and Response  
Directorate/Federal Emergency Management Agency.  
2007-2008 Operating Budget, Fire Department Special Revenue Fund, SP750, FIR970008, Page 167.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Des Moines Fire Department has been awarded a continuing Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) grant. The MMRS program assists highly populated jurisdictions to develop plans, conduct training and exercises, and acquire pharmaceuticals and personal protective equipment to improve pandemic influenza preparedness and to enhance their capability to respond to a mass casualty event caused by a weapon of mass destruction (WMD) terrorist act during the first critical hours until significant external assistance can arrive. This resolution designates the Chief of the Fire Department as the authorized representative 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.

## PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 10, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-2457

Action: Approving and executing a continuing Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) grant and designating the Chief of the Fire Department as the authorized representative. ([Council Communication No. 05-577](#)) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Carried on a 7-0 vote.

Date: July 9, 2001

Roll Call Number: 01-2111

Action: Formation of a Metropolitan Medical Response System Task Force by the Fire Department and submission of an application for a \$400,000 grant. ([Council Communication No. 05-577](#)) Moved by Brooks to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Vlassis.

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**