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	Roll Call No.	<u>17-0875</u>
	Communication No.	<u>17-425</u>
	Submitted by:	John F. TeKippe, Fire Chief

AGENDA HEADING:

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Des Moines and Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department supporting the Des Moines Fire Department’s Hazardous Materials Response Team as a member of the Iowa Statewide weapons of mass destruction/hazardous materials (WMD/HAZMAT) team.

SYNOPSIS:

Execution of a MOU between the City of Des Moines and Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department for the Des Moines Fire Department’s participation as a member of the Iowa statewide WMD/HAZMAT team and for the receipt of funding from the Federal Homeland Security Grant Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: The City of Des Moines will share in the Federal Homeland Security Grant Program funding for the purchase of equipment and support of training, and exercising required for statewide deployment to incidents involving terrorism or the use of a WMD as a State of Iowa resource. The exact amount of funding is dependent on the requirements to meet standards of each member team and the grant monies made available for support of this mission.

Funding Source: N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- In addition to the City of Des Moines, the Iowa statewide WMD/HAZMAT team consists of the fire departments of Council Bluffs and Davenport. Each of these departments have the capability and capacity to timely deploy a Type 1 HazMat Team as defined by the Federal Department of Homeland Security (except for secure communications capability), and have agreed to enter into an agreement with the State of Iowa for the cooperative provision of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE, aka HazMat) response services to terrorism/ WMD events as a state asset, subject to conditions described in the agreement, as part of a coordinated response asset along with select law enforcement tactical (SWAT) and emergency ordinance disposal (EOD) teams, including those of the Des Moines Police Department.

- The State of Iowa has allocated Federal Homeland Security Grant Program funds for support of this initiative and these monies will serve to enhance the resources and provide training and exercising opportunities that will improve the service provided by existing agreements to customer counties of Polk, Warren, Boone, Dallas, Marshall, Story, and Madison.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: January 7, 2008

Roll Call Number: [08-073](#)

Action: [Iowa](#) Terrorism/Weapons of Mass Destruction Hazardous Materials Response Team Memorandum of Agreement with State of Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division. ([Council Communication No. 08-003](#)) Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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