


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	24-371	Meeting:	September 16, 2024
	Agenda Item:	52	Roll Call:	24-1260
	Submitted by:	John F. TeKippe, Fire Chief		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving agreement between the Des Moines Fire Department (DMFD) and Iowa Western Community College (IWCC) for the provision of clinical/field experience to IWCC Emergency Medical Services (EMS) students. In addition, authorize the Fire Chief to enter into other such agreements with appropriate learning institutions following Legal Department review and proper professional liability insurance is provided by the institution to the City.

SYNOPSIS:

Council action approves an agreement with IWCC, Council Bluffs, Iowa, for the provision of student preceptor services by the DMFD and authorizes the Fire Chief to execute the agreement. Council also authorizes the Fire Chief to enter into other clinical/field experience agreements with other learning institutions. Preceptor services consist of having a DMFD Paramedic observe and provide feedback to the student as they perform Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)/paramedic skills in the field based on what they have learned in the classroom.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- This service is beneficial to the City of Des Moines and is provided at no cost to IWCC or other institutions. This facilitates quality training and experience for students interested in work within EMS as well as keeping DMFD preceptors proficient on their skills. This collaboration benefits the City by reinforcing community partnerships and aids recruitment efforts through exposure to EMS work.
- IWCC, and all learning institutions, are required to provide Professional Liability Insurance for their participants/students.
- The IWCC agreement will be effective upon signing and last five (5) years from that date.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: March 4, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-0346](#)

Action: [Agreement](#) between the DMFD and Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) for the provision of clinical/field experience to DMACC EMS students. ([Council Communication No. 24-086](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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