

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: December 13, 1999

THROUGH: Finance Committee

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Funding for additional Fire Services for New Year's Day/ Y2K Activities

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council approve a journal voucher appropriating \$19,386 from the unappropriated General Fund balance to the Fire Department for additional services that will be provided in for New Year's Day and Y2K staffing.

BACKGROUND

This year's New Year's Day activities combined with the unknown variables of Y2K issues have prompted the Fire Department to propose additional personnel and equipment be available for public response. Larger crowds are anticipated and the state's legalization of the sale of "safe and sane" fireworks is an additional risk factor. Fireworks will be sold in neighboring communities and could be brought to the Parade. This could all lead to increases in the frequency of response and longer response times if additional units are not in service.

Staff is recommending placing reserve apparatus in service on New Year's Eve by bringing in an additional 33 employees, and purchasing necessary supplies for potential emergency responses involving large numbers of people. The additional patient care supplies include items such as back boards, trauma bandages, intravenous (IV) equipment, and anti-contamination protective gear. These need to be purchased to enhance readiness to respond in the event of injuries on an expanded scale due to an anticipated larger group attending the New Year's activities and potential complexities associated with the millennium.

FISCAL IMPACT

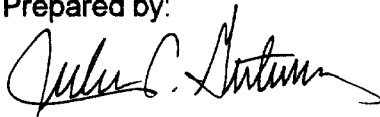
The fiscal impact for the journal voucher request is \$19,386. The cost for the additional staffing is \$14,386 and for additional supplies is \$5,000. Sufficient funds exist in the unappropriated General Fund balance to cover the costs.

Respectfully submitted,



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