



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole & Council

Meeting Date: July 15, 2025

Item Title: Membership in the National Volunteer Fire Council

Submitted By: Kendra Riddle, Interim Finance Director & Matt Amundson, City Administrator

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

Kendra researched additional mental health resources for the Fire Department as our current Employee Assistance Program (EAP) will provide 3 sessions with a counselor but anything above and beyond is the responsibility of the individual.

The most cost-effective membership she identified is a service that NVFC (National Volunteer Fire Council) has that would be \$24 a year per member which would be less than \$1000 a year for the number of current fire personnel. The most beneficial items for mental health would be their helpline, their volunteer voices forum where you can talk with others who are in the field and share experiences, and then the virtual classroom that has a lot of mental health training within it. This resource would have access to:

- \$10,000 accidental death and dismemberment insurance policy
- [NVFC First Responder Helpline](#)
- Free training through the [NVFC Virtual Classroom](#)
- Personalized membership card
- Member access to NVFC web site and resources
- Access to [Volunteer Voices online forum](#)
- Educational discounts to online universities and fire service training
- Eligibility to apply for special members-only opportunities such as giveaways and educational scholarships
- Discounts on products and services from NVFC partners

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

n/a

Action Requested of Council:

Consider and take action on membership in the National Volunteer Fire Council