



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: 06/23/2025

AGENDA ITEM: Consider approving a Joint Powers Agreement for a Hazmat Materials Response Team with State of Minnesota.

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BACKGROUND:

The City of Grand Rapids Fire Department has been a contractor to the State of Minnesota as a Hazardous Materials Chemical Assessment Team since the inception of the State's Regional Response Program in 1995.

Under MN Statutes 471.59, subd. 10, the State is empowered to engage such assistance as deemed necessary. The State is in need of multiple Hazardous Materials Response Teams located throughout Minnesota to provide local jurisdictions and Incident Command with technical expertise in the following but not limited to: plume modeling, mitigation procedures; hazard identification; and emergency response with specialists and equipment to an incident.

The proposed JPA does not negatively impact the budget of the Fire Department or the Hazardous Materials Response Team. This new contract is an increase in our contractor compensation for a total of \$85,000 from our previous contract that ends June 30, 2025, of \$60,000 which is separate funding source from our general operating budget.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to approve the JPA contract between the City of Grand Rapids and the State of Minnesota to provide professional and technical services for hazardous materials emergencies and authorizes proper signatures.