



TO: COMMON COUNCIL

FROM: JACOB CARREL, FIRE CHIEF

RE: MOU - RADIO GRANT APPLICATION

DATE: JANUARY 18, 2022

We are seeking to join area fire departments in applying for the Department of Homeland Security "Assistance to Firefighters Grant" program for the replacement of our current portable radio inventory. We were informed in 2021 that the required batteries for our radios would no longer be available for purchase. Non-certified batteries will be available, but the purchase of non-certified batteries will render our radios unsafe to use in hazardous environments where flammable gases may be present.

This is an unfortunate and unplanned situation, and therefore I am seeking alternative funding options. This grant opportunity would allow for a full replacement of our inventory, with a 5% match from the city. The total ask for Kaukauna is just over \$343,000, and our match would be \$17,000. We feel that joining forces with our area departments will increase our chances of success in the grant process.

Entering into this MOU is only a commitment to apply for the grant, with the assistance of the Appleton Fire Department.

