



**RACINE FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**Chief's Office: 262-635-7911**

September 27, 2007

Honorable Mayor and  
Common Council

Dear Honorable Mayor and Common Council:

Last year Racine County notified the City that they were pursuing new Computer-Aided Dispatching and Records Management software for all agencies that are currently using the text-based CPLIMS software package. The County installed new computer servers and software over the last few months and on September 25<sup>th</sup>, initiated the cutover to the new Windows XP-based Phoenix RMS/CAD software. Almost immediately the Racine Dispatch Center, located in the Safety Building, realized their computer equipment was not capable of supporting the demands of the new Windows-based Phoenix RMS/CAD software. Under the direction of D/C Christensen and based on recommendations from the City's Information Systems, they immediately replaced their computer hardware to run the new applications.

This request is to transfer \$7,000 from account 101.300.5030 (Overtime), to account 101.300.5820 (Computer Hardware), to purchase upgraded hardware which will allow the Chief Officers of the department to have the capability to use the Windows XP-based Phoenix RMS/CAD software at Station 1. This new hardware will replace existing hardware which is of similar vintage to the Dispatch Center computers that was replaced on September 26<sup>th</sup>. This request has been evaluated and approved by the City's Information Systems. Without this upgraded hardware we will not have the full functionality of the Phoenix RMS/CAD software.

Based on our current projections for overtime there will be sufficient funds in the Overtime Account to accommodate this request.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hansen, Fire Chief