



Racine Fire Department
810 Eighth St, Racine WI 53403

August 31, 2017

Honorable Mayor and
Common Council

Dear Honorable Mayor and Common Council,

I am requesting permission to sign the Clinical Affiliation Agreement with Gateway Technical College.

Since early 2000 the Racine Fire Department has worked in conjunction with the Gateway Technical College (GTC) paramedic program to provide precepting services for GTC paramedic students as they continue their paramedic training in the field under live conditions. Precepting of GTC paramedic students includes those students being assigned to one of our paramedic rescue squads and practicing their classroom skills under the supervision of our paramedic crews and medical direction. These GTC students are fully covered for injuries and liability by GTC while participating in the paramedic ride-along program.

GTC and their students pay a stipend to the Racine Fire Department to compensate our paramedic preceptors for overseeing their field training. At this point in time we receive \$1.50 per hour from GTC and the student with \$1.00 per hour going to the member doing the precepting, and \$0.50 to the department for the administration of the program. We are currently in negotiations with IAFF Local 321 to modify this stipend. The stipend will cover all our costs associated with the program.

One major benefit to the fire department is an opportunity to not only assist in the training of these paramedic students but also evaluate the paramedic students for possible future job opportunities with the Racine Fire Department. While these individuals still need to go through the hiring process approved by the Police and Fire Commission we gain advance knowledge of the individual's skills, work habits, and demeanor in a live environment. This has been extremely beneficial to the fire department down the road.

We respectfully request approval to continue this clinical affiliation agreement with GTC and a copy of this document has been submitted to the City Attorney's office for review.

Fiscal note: revenue and expense neutral. No additional costs to the City.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hansen, Fire Chief