



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

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June 15, 2011

Honorable Mayor  
Common Council

Dear Honorable Mayor and Common Council:

The Racine Fire Department has been under contract with the State of Wisconsin/Wisconsin Emergency Management to provide Level-A Hazardous Materials response to Southeast Wisconsin for many years. This necessitates responding to emergencies involving extremely hazardous materials as a result of a process malfunction or vehicular accident within a four-county area, including Racine, Kenosha, Walworth and Jefferson counties.

When responding as a State Asset, all costs associated with the response and any liability is assumed by the State. In exchange, the City of Racine receives annual financial support for personnel, equipment and training costs. It is our recommendation to extend the existing contract for the period covering July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, for approximately \$53,000 which represents a 10% reduction from the State of Wisconsin due to their budgetary challenges.

It is anticipated the Department of Military Affairs and Wisconsin Emergency Management will work with the Regional Teams after the State Budget is settled on extending this contract through 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hansen,  
Fire Chief