

August 10, 2010

Honorable Mayor and
Common Council

Dear Honorable Mayor and Common Council:

This project will fund the acquisition of advanced Technical Rescue equipment to be used for Confined Space, Trench and Light Structural Collapse Rescue. Currently, our cache of technical rescue equipment needs upgrading to continue fulfilling the mission of the Fire Department, in the event of unusual rescue circumstances.

Throughout the City of Racine and surrounding communities, there is a multitude of confined spaces where rescue situations may occur. Additionally, there is significant street construction going on throughout the City annually and most construction involves trenches in the street. Should a natural or man-made disaster occur in the City, the possibility of building collapse is possible.

This equipment will be made available throughout the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) area if needed. The Milwaukee UASI includes Racine, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington and Ozaukee counties.

The grant is for \$80,000. \$60,000 will be used for equipment purchases and \$20,000 will be used for advance technical rescue training. Four (4) separate training classes are planned.

There is no local hard or soft match.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Steven Hansen