



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

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May 27, 2009

Honorable Mayor and  
Common Council

Dear Honorable Mayor and Common Council:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency Fire Act Grant Program is a highly competitive, annual program that awards grants to fire departments from across the nation for the acquisition of emergency preparedness equipment. This grant proposes to replace our 1990 International Harvester/Hesse Hazardous Materials truck known as "Special Teams 1" with a new vehicle which will be more capable of hauling all the equipment necessary to provide Level A/B HazMat services, Confined Space equipment, Trench Rescue equipment and Special Rescue Teams (SRT) equipment, including extrication and lifting air bags.

The present vehicle was converted from a beverage truck to emergency services use in 1995, as a way to carry out our responsibilities as a Regional HazMat team for the State of Wisconsin. The truck, having taken on new missions and new equipment, is nearing its weight-carrying capacity while remaining underpowered.

The grant request is for \$450,000. There is a 20% local hard-match if the grant is awarded. The 20% local match will come from our State HazMat Funds (Account 268.000.0000). There are no levy dollars needed for this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hansen, Fire Chief