



RACINE FIRE DEPARTMENT
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The Fire Chief is requesting the transfer of \$130,000 from account 101.300.5010 to account 213.000.5770 to cover the acquisition of two-way radio equipment for emergency operations. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the radio equipment cost will be reimbursed through an Office of Justice Assistance Grant. This grant will provide for the reprogramming of upgradeable radios, and new radios for all seated positions on fire apparatus. Every firefighter who enters an emergency situation will have the capability to communicate with each other and Command when necessary. This is a firefighter safety issue. In addition, this grant will provide the fire department with a new fire ground base station radio. The base station radio will have a 90/10 match with the Office of Justice Assistance picking up 90% of the cost. This is a joint Fire and Police grant with the fire department taking the lead.

The Fire Chief further requests the transfer of \$36,000 from account 101.300.5010 to account 101.300.5770 for the purchase of four (4) Thermo Imaging Cameras for emergency operations. The four thermo imaging cameras will allow firefighters to more quickly assess and locate downed victims of fire within a building. The thermo imaging cameras are capable of seeing in the dark, and through smoke during the search and rescue phase of the operation. After the fire or emergency is under control, the cameras are used to search for "hot spots" which may not be apparent or visible to the eye.

Funds are available as delineated.