



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

June 30, 2009

Honorable Mayor and
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 \$121,268 annually for personnel, equipment and training costs. It is our earnest recommendation to extend this contract for the period covering July 1st, 2009, through June 30th, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hansen, Fire Chief