



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

April 15, 2011

Honorable Mayor
Common Council

Dear Honorable Mayor and Common Council:

The Fire Chief is requesting permission to accept financial reimbursement for participation in the Fire-Rescue International (FRI)/MABAS Illinois Readiness Drill conducted in August of 2010.

In August of 2010, the Racine Fire Department participated in a Mutual Aid readiness drill conducted by FRI and MABAS Illinois. The purpose of the drill was to demonstrate large-scale mutual aid deployment of fire and rescue resources in the event of a large regional natural disaster. The disaster was a simulated tornado striking Chicago with a moderate path of destruction. The goal was to muster 270 emergency vehicles in three staging areas around Chicago, within 90 minutes of activation of the Mutual Aid Emergency Response System.

In order for a number of career departments to participate, it was necessary to recall off-duty personnel, since we normally would not have the on-duty resources to participate in this type of drill. Fire-Rescue International (FRI) and MABAS Illinois were able to secure funding to compensate career departments for personnel and fuel while participating in the drill. The cost to the City of Racine Fire Department was \$1,202.44, for which we have received a reimbursement check for that amount. 100% of our costs to participate in the drill was covered.

I respectfully request permission to accept the reimbursement check and have the funds credited to the appropriate fire department accounts.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hansen,
Fire Chief