



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

April 18, 2012

Honorable Mayor
Common Council

Dear Honorable Mayor and Common Council:

The Racine Fire Department has been under contract with the State of Wisconsin/Wisconsin Emergency Management and the Department of Military Affairs 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 annual financial support for personnel, equipment and training costs. It is our recommendation the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the proposed contract for the period covering July 1st, 2012, through June 30th, 2013. The City will receive \$107,504 for the services rendered and there is no local levy dollars needed to support the team.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hansen,
Fire Chief