

City of Racine, Wisconsin AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM

AGENDA DATE: November 14, 2024

SUBJECT: Hazardous Materials Preparedness HMEP Grant

PREPARED BY: Fire Chief Steve Hansen

SUMMARY: This grant will provide the fire department with advance hazardous materials monitoring equipment including the Blackline G7C 5 gas monitor, Gastec Deluxe Haz Mat kit, the First Defender RMX chemical analyzer and the L3Harris XL-200M. This will greatly improve our chemical and gas detection capabilities not only here in the City but also as part of the State Regional Hazardous Materials Team.

PROJECT BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS: This grant had an extremely tight turnaround time. 26 fire department Haz Mat teams in Wisconsin received notification from the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs that this grant was going to be awarded November 4th – right in the middle of our annual budget process. Racine is one of two cities to receive almost \$100,000 from this grant. Specifically the no match grant is for \$91,663.05 for enhanced Hazardous Materials chemical identification and monitoring equipment as mentioned in the summary. This equipment will greatly improve our chemical and gas detection capabilities. Grant Control Number 00603

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The Fire Department is requesting permission for the Mayor to sign the Wisconsin Emergency Management 2024-HRER-01-14053 Hazmat Regional Emergency Response Equipment Grant.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no city match required for the grant.