



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

February 4, 2010

Honorable Mayor and
Common Council

Dear Honorable Mayor and Common Council:

The Fire Chief is requesting permission to carry forward \$72,262 from Budget Year 2009 Account 101.300.5770 to Budget Year 2010 Account 101.300.5770, to fulfill the City's obligation of a 25% match for the 2009 DHS Port Security Grant and the 20% match for the 2008 FEMA Fire Act Grant. As of February 3rd, 2010, this account has a balance of \$72,262, before the requested transfer.

With respect to the 2009 DHS Port Security Grant, due to unforeseen delays from the Department of Homeland Security, the release of the appropriate documents for the 2009 DHS Port Security Grant to Milwaukee did not occur until mid-November 2009. Equipment could not be ordered under this grant until the appropriate documents were completed and the funds distributed by DHS. The Racine Fire Department is a sub-grantee of this process and hence, we did not receive formal approval from Milwaukee to order the equipment until early January.

The grant is for a three-year period of time and therefore, we are under no immediate time constraints. Currently, we are now in a position to order this equipment and provide the match as originally authorized by the Common Council.

With respect to the 2008 FEMA Fire Act Grant for SCBA replacement and radio interoperability equipment, this grant has not been closed out yet and the City's 20% match of \$57,000 needs to be expended prior to closing the grant.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hansen, Fire Chief