

LRB - FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

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ITEM 7, FILE 001398

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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File #001398 is a resolution authorizing the Milwaukee Fire Department to accept thermal imaging cameras donated by the Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee Foundation Inc.

Background & Discussion

1. The Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee Foundation Inc. is currently engaged in a fundraising effort to raise money to purchase thermal imaging cameras for the Milwaukee Fire Department.
2. The cameras will assist the Department's fire fighting efforts by gauging the location and intensity of a fire from outside a burning building, piercing through smoke to find fire victims and identifying "hot spots" inside walls of buildings.
3. The initial goal of the project is to raise enough money to purchase 8 cameras. (6 for the Department's Battalion Chiefs, 1 for the Deputy Chief and 1 for the Heavy Urban Rescue Team.) The ultimate goal is purchase 10 additional cameras (1 for each ladder company), for a total of 18.
4. Each camera costs approximately \$18,000.

Fiscal Impact

The resolution has no fiscal impact.

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