

Reply to Common Council File No. 001414

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council file 001414 contains a substitute resolution approving compensation for certain members of the Milwaukee Professional Fire Fighters' Association, Local #215, assigned to the Heavy Urban Rescue Team (HURT). This resolution seeks Common Council approval of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Local #215 and the City relative to compensation of HURT team members.

The additional compensation is for HURT team members who are trained to perform Deep Tunnel Rescue Services. The City currently has a contract with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District (MMSD) to perform rescue services on any MMSD sewer construction project within the district's boundaries, if needed. The compensation level outlined in the MOU is similar to the payment of other specialty units within the Fire Department (e.g., Hazardous-Materials team).

As part of its contract with the City, MMSD agrees to pay for costs related to the Fire Department's provision of deep tunnel rescue services including all necessary equipment, additional compensation and training costs for the HURT Team members. The resolution also specifies that if the contract between the City and MMSD is discontinued these payments will cease.

Since MMSD will reimburse the City for these costs, there is no fiscal impact of adoption of this file.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE 001414.



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