



Fire Department

Aaron Lipski
Chief

Joshua Parish
Assistant Chief
Sharon Purifoy-Smoots
Assistant Chief
De'Wayne Smoots
Assistant Chief

January 31, 2023

To the Honorable
Finance and Personnel Committee
Common Council
City of Milwaukee

Dear Committee Members:

Since the 2024 Republican National Convention (RNC) will be held in Milwaukee, I plan on temporarily assigning two Battalion Chiefs, who will be working only on functions related to the RNC, in the near future.

Until the RNC Grant is set up, the department will have to absorb the cost of these additional Battalion Chief positions. Once the federal security grant is approved, we request retroactive reimbursement for the Battalion Chiefs assigned to RNC duties. Currently, the department will also be absorbing the backfill costs for the Battalion Chiefs, who had been assigned to field battalions on 24-hour shifts.

We are therefore requesting that two Battalion Chief, Fire positions be created, in the Operations Division, to specifically work on functions related to the RNC. A job description for the positions is enclosed. If this request is approved, the following change is needed in the Positions Ordinance:

In the Fire Department, Operations Bureau, add two positions of "Battalion Chief, Fire", assign footnote designation (R) to the two positions, and create new footnote (R) to read as follows:

(R) Position authority to expire August 2, 2024.

Sincerely,

AARON LIPSKI
Chief

AL/jlb
Enclosure
Budget\Creation of RNC Battalion Chief Position 0922 Rev 013123