



Fire Department

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Common Council
City of Milwaukee
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Subject: *Introduction of a resolution authorizing the Milwaukee Fire Department to participate in the Wisconsin Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS).*

Dear Honorable Members:

Please accept for introduction at the meeting of July 31, 2006, the attached resolution authorizing the Milwaukee Fire Department to participate in the Wisconsin Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS).

On April 5, 2006, the State of Wisconsin adopted MABAS as the standard of emergency management response for fire, rescue and emergency medical services. The adoption of this mechanism enables the deployment of personnel and equipment in a multi-jurisdictional or multi-agency emergency response.

Numerous fire protection agencies in Racine, Kenosha, Walworth, Rock, Green, Dane, Waukesha, Jefferson and Milwaukee County have recently adopted Wisconsin MABAS as the standard of response.

This resolution will enable the Milwaukee Fire Department and the City of Milwaukee to participate in an intergovernmental cooperation agreement for the purposes of public safety. This resolution will benefit our community by coordinating fire, rescue and emergency medical services in the event of a large-scale emergency, natural disaster or man-made catastrophe.

Please feel free to contact me directly at 286-8947 if you have any questions or concerns related to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments