

**LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS**

**MARCH 24, 2005 AGENDA  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 7, FILE 041609  
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File No. 041609 is a resolution authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of up to \$10,000 in private contributions for the purpose of purchasing various equipment for the Milwaukee Fire Department's emergency medical services, fire suppression and firefighter wellness/fitness programs. (Fire Department)

**Background**

1. The Milwaukee Fire Department frequently receives requests to accept private contributions for various purposes; including to purchase equipment for emergency medical services, fire suppression, or general exercise and fitness programs for command staff.
2. Studies on firefighter injuries and fatalities have focused on identifying correlations between those injuries and fatalities with general physical fitness and health.
3. Municipal fire departments nationwide have developed and implemented wellness/fitness programs for firefighters.
4. Those programs are funded by various sources, including private contributions and federal grant programs.

**Discussion**

1. Recently, the Wal-Mart Foundation Inc. extended a \$1,000 donation to the City for the purchase of wellness/fitness program equipment for fire house #23, located at 2130 West Oklahoma Avenue, in the 13th Aldermanic District.
2. Private contributions must be used for specific purposes. The wellness/fitness program is a new, unique purpose not authorized by previous Common Council resolutions.
3. An account must be established so the department has the ability to accept contributions for equipment purchases for the firefighting, EMS and health/wellness programs.
4. The MFD requests authorization to accept and expend up to \$10,000 in private contributions, including the \$1,000 from the Wal-Mart Foundation, Inc., for wellness/fitness programs and subsequent qualifying equipment purchases for emergency medical services and firefighting.

**Fiscal Impact**

The fiscal revenue and expenditure impact in 2005 is estimated at \$1,000 with options to increase to \$10,000 if additional private sponsorships are received.

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