

LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

**JUNE 12, 2003 AGENDA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 5, FILE 030267
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File No. 030267 is a resolution authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of contributions received by the Milwaukee Fire Department for fire safety education programs. (MFD)

Background and Discussion

MFD Fire Safety Education Programs

1. The Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) fire safety education program offering includes programs such as: Mobile Fire Safety House, Fire Extinguisher Safety Certification Seminar, Emergency and Evacuation Preparedness Seminar, Fire Education Center Historical Museum, Elder Safe Program, Survive Alive House, Juvenile Fire Setter Counseling Programs, and FOCUS Community Fire Safety Campaign.
2. Private persons have contributed tangible gifts including fire extinguishers and batteries.
3. The MFD anticipates receiving cash contributions up to \$100,000 for their education program initiatives from various persons, organizations and/or government entities.
4. The department asks that those funds be deposited to a special account within the MFD budget.

Contributions Fund Per City Code and Wis. Stats.

5. Contributions received by city departments and agencies are governed by s. 304-24 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances which defines contributions as;

"... A gift of cash or other assets from any person to the city or any city department or employe to be expended for a specified municipal purpose, activity or facility."

6. Section 304-24-2 requires that all contributions received are combined with other city deposits unless otherwise specified by the Common Council in its acceptance of a contribution.
7. The Common Council approves funding for the "contribution fund" special purpose account as part of the annual City budget process, in accordance with ch. 65, Wis. Stats., No transfers shall be made from the contribution fund without prior approval of the Common Council.

Fiscal Impact

Passage of this file authorizes the Milwaukee Fire Department to accept and expend up to \$100,000 in private contributions to support various fire safety education programs.

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