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

Dear Committee Members:

Since the 2020 Democratic National Convention (DNC) will be held in Milwaukee next July, we have had, for some months, a Deputy Chief temporarily assigned and working only on functions related to the DNC, which necessitated a Battalion Chief to be temporarily assigned to the Special Teams Division.

Until the DNC Grant is set up, the department will have to absorb the cost of this additional Deputy Chief position. Once the federal security grant is approved, we request retroactive reimbursement for the Deputy Chief assigned to DNC duties. Currently, the department is absorbing the backfill costs for the Battalion Chief, who had been assigned to a field battalion on a 24-hour shift.

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

In the Fire Department, Operations Bureau, add one position of "Deputy Chief, Fire."

Sincerely,


MARK ROHLFING
Chief

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Enclosure
Budget\Creation of DEPCH (DNC) Position 0719