

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 11, 2013 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Fire Department Peer Fitness Trainer Program	Resolution Ordinance ✓ Motion Discussion Only	James Jackson Fire Chief

SYNOPSIS

A motion is requested to authorize the expenditure of \$17,500 to the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) for a Peer Fitness Trainer Class to be hosted at Fire Station 2, allowing Downers Grove Fire Department personnel to be certified as Peer Fitness Trainers at a lower cost than other alternatives.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The goals for 2008-2013 identified *Exceptional Municipal Services and Continual Innovation*.

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY2013 General Fund Adopted Budget includes \$17,500 for the full cost of this program. Of this total, \$13,300 will be reimbursed to the Village by other Fire agencies that will send personnel to the training program. Therefore, the net cost to the Village will be \$4,200, which represents the cost to train six Downers Grove Fire Department personnel. In years past, the Village has sent staff members out-of-state to participate in this training program.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the June 11, 2013 consent agenda.

BACKGROUND

On an annual basis, the Village requires firefighters to undergo a fitness examination that tests their strength, muscular endurance and flexibility according to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. This fitness examination can only be administered by certified individuals. The members of the Downers Grove Fire Department that hold this certification have either recently retired or are nearing retirement.

Staff has evaluated options for obtaining certification for six members of the department and has determined that conducting a Peer Fitness Trainer program through the IAFF to be administered in Downers Grove will offer the most cost effective alternative for training the members of the Fire Department. The program will allow 25 attendees to receive certification, of which 6 will be Downers Grove Fire Department personnel. The remaining 19 will come from other fire agencies in the area and pay for their costs to participate.