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To: Honorable Board of Police and Fire Commissioners  
From: Steven D. Bane, Fire Chief  
Date: March 17, 2014  
Re: Request Approval of "Agreement for Mutual Assistance" and "Memorandum of Understanding for Mutual Assistance"

Commissioners please find attached the "Agreement for Mutual Assistance" (AMA) and "Memorandum of Understanding for Mutual Assistance" that I respectfully request your approval of. These documents have been created and approved by the Milwaukee County Fire Chiefs Association in cooperation with local City Attorneys, including ours Scott Post.

This AMA is intended to strengthen the cooperation and sharing of fire and EMS services across city boarders. You have all heard me discuss our work on Shared Services and how it is intended to benefit all neighboring communities. The AMA takes the concept of Shared Services and formalizes it in to an operational system.

The Mission of Shared Services is to:

*Evaluate fire, special operations, and EMS delivery models that could enhance our current delivery method.*

The Vision of Shared Services is to:

- *Effectively and efficiently provide the highest level of emergency services to our citizens and communities*
- *Increase fire fighter safety*

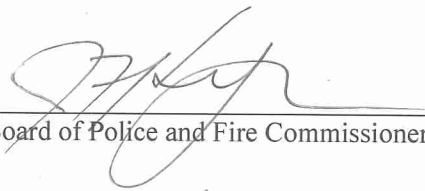
*This is being done in the midst of stagnant, or decreasing, funding streams while facing increased costs of service delivery.*

Our goal is to have the closest, most appropriate, unit to an emergency respond regardless of the political jurisdiction of the incident or the responders. Thereby reducing the response time, ultimately leading to lives saved and reduced property loss. It is our intent to sign an MOU with all Milwaukee County Fire Departments, assuming they have mutual interest, which we expect they will.

Once approved by your Board I will submit the agreement and MOU to the Common Council for their approval. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns with this request.

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APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Board of Police and Fire Commissioners

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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