

CITY OF WAUWATOSA
MEMO



To: **Financial Affairs Committee**

From: **James Case, Fire Chief**

Date: **March 3, 2025**

Subject: **Apparatus Repair/Maintenance Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the City of Milwaukee**

A. Issue

The fire department is requesting approval of the intergovernmental cooperation agreement (IGA) for the repair and maintenance of fire apparatus with the City of Milwaukee.

B. Background/Options

Fire apparatus, including fire trucks, emergency vehicles, and specialized equipment, are essential for public safety and require substantial financial investment and ongoing maintenance. Given the high costs associated with maintaining these vehicles, entering into an IGA allows local municipalities to share these expenses and responsibilities.

The City of Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) has agreed to provide fleet maintenance services to shared service fire departments as their workload allows. Hourly rates fluctuate based on the services provided but we will only be charged the actual hourly wage of the technician +10% overhead costs and parts for repairs. For example, a MFD mechanic rate is a max of \$48.80/hr versus the \$185/hr we are currently paying for a 3rd party vendor. This IGA does not require us to use MFD solely but rather gives us additional options.

We have had extremely positive experiences with the MFD repair shop over the last few years. During the timeframe when our fire mechanic position was vacant, MFD agreed to help us out and made numerous emergency repairs all without issue. We are confident that this quality and cooperation will be enhanced with this formal agreement.

C. Strategic Plan (Area of Focus)

Infrastructure

D. Fiscal Impact

This IGA will allow for more cost-effective repairs and better utilization of our equipment repair budget. There are no additional costs to the operating budget with approval of this IGA.

E. Recommendation

Recommend approval of intergovernmental cooperation agreement for repair and maintenance of fire, rescue, and emergency medical equipment and materials with the City of Milwaukee.