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REPORTS

Minute No. 124 Request for Additional Fire Fighters - Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service
File GF-5

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee referred the following recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services to the 2004 Operating Budget review process, namely:

1. That in the year 2004, the on-duty staff of suppression shall be increased to 160 from 158 on-duty Fire Fighters.

2. That an additional 8 Fire Fighters be hired to bring up the on-duty complement to 160 at an expenditure of $390,000.00 for 2004.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Clement,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services be referred to the 2004 Operating Budget review process.

Carried

Alex Forrest, President, United Fire Fighters of Winnipeg (Local 867, International Association of Fire Fighters) submitted a copy of his presentation requesting additional Fire Fighters for the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 12, 2004, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services passed the following motion, namely:

> WHEREAS the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service is proceeding to implement a "Rapid Response Vehicle" at #23 Station located at 880 Dalhousie Drive South;
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> AND WHEREAS there is a need recognized by both the United Fire Fighters of Winnipeg and the Administration for a Shift Safety Officer to ensure the highest level of safety throughout Fire Suppression;
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> AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service is in need of increased staff due to safety standards such as NFPA 1710;
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> AND WHEREAS Emergency Medical incidents attended to by Fire Fighters have increased in the City of Winnipeg from 7,500 in 1997 to 13,500 in 2000 to 27,500 in 2002;
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> AND WHEREAS Fire Fighters are expected to provide heightened emergency medical response;
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> AND WHEREAS the current compliment of 158 on-duty staff and the implementation of a Rapid Response Unit will result in the deletion of 1 Pumper Unit or 1 Rescue Unit;
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> THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in the year 2004, the on-duty staff of suppression shall be increased to 160 from 158 on-duty Fire Fighters;
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> BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an additional 8 Fire Fighters be hired to bring up the on-duty complement to 160 at an expenditure of $390,000.00 for 2004;

and forwarded the matter to Executive Policy Committee.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

Further, on January 12, 2004, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services considered a written presentation from Alex Forrest, United Fire Fighters of Winnipeg, in support of their request for 8 additional Fire Fighters.