

# Council Communication

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### Update on employee disaster readiness

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**SUMMARY**

This is an update from the Mayor and Fire Chief John Karns on planning for employee disaster readiness.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

In his State of the City address last January, the Mayor identified employee readiness for disaster response as one of his priorities for this year. Specifically, the mayor proposed a program to provide City employees with disaster readiness kits that would provide two weeks' supplies for employee's families, thus allowing employees who are needed for disaster response to focus their energies on that response, while knowing that their families have been provided for.

Quoting from the Mayor's speech:

"I want to set a process in motion by which our Fire Chief works with existing committees – we have some in this area – to create and implement detailed, two-week shelter in place plans for all employees' families and what it will take in terms of resources and support to make it a reality. Getting these plans in place is why I consider the situation seriously and the plans can serve as templates for the community. If our employees work out something that has to work for them in an emergency we're going to have a real leg up. What I want to task them to do is figure out the simplest, least expensive way to do it. This will make it easier for everyone and for people who can't afford the cost of two weeks' worth of K-rations or something like that it's going to be a life saver."

**COUNCIL GOALS SUPPORTED:**

11. *Prepare the community for natural and human-made disasters.*

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

To be determined

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND REQUESTED ACTION:**

N/A. This is for information only.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

N/A. This is for information only.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

