



# RAPID CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

*Prepare, Prevent, Protect*



To: Mayor and City Council  
From: Mike Maltaverne, Fire Chief  
Subject: 2010 Training and Travel Budget (Fire and Ambulance)  
Date: November 10, 2010

Per the City of Rapid City's Travel and Training Regulations, this report is to advise the Mayor and members of City Council that the Fire Department and Ambulance travel and training expenditures has exceeded the budgeted amount.

## **Fire Department (cost center 0202)**

For cost center 0202, we have been awarded a grant for our Technical Rescue Team. In the last 12 to 18 months, we have worked to build a regional rescue team. The grant will cover the equipment purchases and training/travel costs associated. We have received the funds and have requested the supplement from finance. **This will not affect the bottom line of the Fire Department budget.**

## **Ambulance Enterprise (cost center 0890)**

The Fire Department has elected to send 4 students to WDTI's Paramedic Program beginning in January of 2011. The costs associated will be split between two budget years (\$9800 in 2010 and \$9800 in 2011). It was not determined until this fall, if the class was going to occur, therefore, it could not be budgeted for in advance. **This will not affect the bottom line of the ambulance enterprise fund.**

Following two years of zero growth budgets and an approved budget cut of 3.8% for the Fire Department in 2011, it has become more and more challenging to fund the basic training and education needs of the 135 men and women of the Fire Department. Training and education is the foundation of preparing our members to perform the functions of a firefighter-medic and in many cases is mandatory to maintain the necessary skill sets.