



RAPID CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Prepare, Prevent, Protect



To: Mayor and City Council
From: Mike Maltaverne, Fire Chief
Subject: 2011 Training and Travel Budget (Cost Center 890-Ambulance)
Date: February 15, 2011

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 Ambulance travel and training expenditures will exceed the budgeted amount.

Ambulance Enterprise (cost center 0890)

The Fire Department has elected to send 4 students to WDTI's Paramedic Program that began in January of 2011. The offering of the Paramedic Program was not finalized until the fall of 2010 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.