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Memo

To: City Council
From: Fire Chief Jeff Bassett
CC: Mayor Zoltanski, CAO Mr. Pace
Date: September 8, 2023
Re: MVP

Council Members

As you discuss the MVP application, the question has been asked what impact this facility will have on our department. The answer is we do not know currently. I attended the site visits with our staff and the staff for the MVP. The impact this facility will create is generally related to medical needs, since all individuals have a medical condition and the MVP will not have on-site nursing staff, I anticipate it will create an additional workload to the department.

To generally compare facilities, I have compared the MVP to an assisted / non assisted living center. In 2022, 7.5% of our EMS call volume was to assisted / non assisted facilities. The MVP will add to that workload, we do not know how much that will be. The other item I wanted to share was that the average billing from these facilities was 2175.00 per patient with an average reimbursement of 439.00. The reason for the shortfall is that most patients in these facilities are Medicare insured and Medicare has a flat reimbursement rate.

Currently, the department staffs three ambulances. With this additional anticipated workload and the continued increase in medical-related call volume, we will need to eventually staff an additional ambulance with nine full-time employees. To assist with this need, we will request funds from the homeless mitigation fund to help pay for the additional employees.

If you have any further questions, please contact me.

Thank you.