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Fire Department

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Cliff Jones, Fire Chief (858-7201)
Through: Charlie Meyer, City Manager
Date: March 14, 2008
Subject: Fire Department Medical Support Unit for Police Operations

The Fire Department, with cooperation and support of the Police Department, has developed a Medical Support Unit for Police Operations.

This unit is new to the City, and is unique in both its goals and its operations. The goal is to increase the safety and well being of members of the Tempe Police Department. This is accomplished through medical monitoring at specific types of incidents and through immediate provision of medical assistance for injured officers in critical situations.

At this time the unit has eight fully trained and deployable members, which is full staffing for the unit.

The unit has even further improved the excellent working relationship that our Fire Department has with our Police Department. The unit is led by our Medical Transportation Coordinator John Valenzuela, who will be in attendance to update the Mayor and City Council on the Medical Support Unit.

We look forward to meeting with you on March 20, 2008.

Cliff Jones