



FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
Jerry Ewers, Fire Chief
Fran Donelson, Administrative Secretary

FROM: Mike Hartman, Assistant Fire Chief

DATE: October 14, 2013

SUBJECT: City Council Agenda Item – Closure of Ninth Street

INTRODUCTION:

The Fire Department is requesting a temporary closure of a City street for the purposes of training and public safety.

BACKGROUND:

The Muscatine Fire Department has been afforded an opportunity to participate in a large scale live fire training event. The Muscatine Community School District has allowed our Department, as well as the Police Department, to train in six houses the District purchased for use in a future expansion. Of the six houses, the Fire Department will be utilizing four of the structures for live fire training. All the proper approvals have been obtained and a large scale training event is being planned. In order to provide for the safety of the training participants and the public as a whole, the Department is requesting the closure of the 300 block of East Ninth Street for November 16th, 2013. We also request that should the 16th not work due to circumstances such as inclement weather, approval is made to close the area on the 17th. The street will be used by the responders as a work area and if the street were to remain open vehicle traffic would hinder the training scenarios and increase the danger to participants. In addition, closing the roadway will assist the responders in maintaining the area as a secure area to maintain safety for the general public.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

It is recommended that the Council approve the closure of the 300 block of East Ninth Street for the duration of November 16th, 2013, with a contingency date of November 17th.