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AGENDA ITEM NO. 58

CITY OF MADISON  
**INTER-DEPARTMENTAL**  
CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: September 5, 2006

TO: Alderman Ken Golden

FROM: Fire Chief Debra H. Amesqua 

SUBJECT: **Halloween Concerns**

The Madison Fire Department continues to be involved in the planning for Halloween to include preparations for fire and/or EMS responses to the event and to include planning for the safety of the crowd. Crowd management and crowd safety is a priority. The department applied the capacity limits and exit access provisions of the International Fire Code to the plan as proposed by the Mayor. The fencing, ingress and egress plans comply with the fire code and work to ensure a safe event.

A Camp Randall type crowd rush during the Halloween event is unlikely. The Halloween plan includes portable fencing and barriers with staffing to manage the barriers. The portable barriers will provide "relief valves" to manage the crowd. The current plan includes many "relief valves", which we will use if the need arises. Please feel free to call me if you have any other questions or concerns regarding the Fire Department's role in this year's Halloween Event.

cc: Mayor Dave Cieslewicz  
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