



DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

Thomas E. Smith, Chief of Police

CITY OF SAINT PAUL

Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor

May 30th, 2012

Captain Hugh W. Howard
Commander, Naval Special Warfare Development Group
1636 Regulus Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA 23461

Dear Captain Howard:

I extend to you an invitation to conduct Urban Military Training in our City. In a letter dated March 26, 2012 from your command, your group requests permission to conduct training in the City of Saint Paul from 19 August to 1 September, 2012. I understand that this training will include low visibility movement, military operations in urban terrain, manual and low weight explosive breaching, low-altitude precision helicopter operations to include hover, landing, and rooftop fast-rope insertions, live fire, simmunitions (paint), flash bang, surveillance and counter-surveillance.

In the letter, you further indicate that the proposed training will be coordinated with and approved by the Saint Paul Police Department Operations Division. I am confident that the detailed coordination taking place between members of your command and personnel from the Saint Paul PD SWAT Team will result in a safe and successful exercise. I understand that all liability for your personnel and their actions during training rests with the Navy. I ask that communication between your group and my office continue throughout the training period to keep all parties apprized of the events proposed for 19 August to 1 September, 2012. I welcome the opportunity to support the United States Navy as you develop the techniques and tactics necessary to protect our country. We look forward to your group having a safe and productive training exercise in our City.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Coleman