



Council Communication

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Agenda Item No.	34I
Roll Call No.	<u>11-1882</u>
Communication No.	<u>11-676</u>
Submitted by:	Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Funding for sixteen Iowa Bomb Squad Task Force members to attend A-T Solutions IED/WMD Electronics Course in Des Moines January 09-13, 2012.

SYNOPSIS:

The Iowa Bomb Squad Task Force Leadership Committee associated with the Fiscal Year 2009 State Homeland Security Grant desires to fund, travel, lodging, and attendance for sixteen of its members to attend the A-T Solutions Improvised Explosive Device/Weapons of Mass Destruction Electronics Course. This course is designed to provide advanced electronics training for bomb technicians to enhance tools and skill sets currently in use. The training will be equally distributed among the eight State Explosive Ordinance Device Teams. Each team will receive two registrations. The cost associated with this electronics course will be funded by the Fiscal Year 2009 State Homeland Security Grant totaling \$38,549.20 and two officers from the Des Moines Police Department will attend the course.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$38, 549.20

Funding Source: SP751, POL985305, HLS 2009 EOD- Recommended Budget by Department, Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012, page 249.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Iowa Bomb Squad Task Force Leadership Committee associated with the Fiscal Year 2009 State Homeland Security Grant have determined that an electronics course, associated with managing and safely disarming IED/WDM devices and being presented by A-T Solutions on January 09-13, 2012 in Des Moines, will be of great value to task force members' goals and skills currently recommended by the FBI Hazardous Devices School. The City of Des Moines acts as the managing agent of the federal grant funds on behalf of the Iowa Bomb Squad Task Force Program Leadership Committee. A-T Solutions is a premier training provider for the US Military Explosive Ordinance Disposal units and civilian bomb technicians.

The course will provide advanced skill sets needed by bomb squads to engage emerging threats outlined in the National Incident Management System and Presidential Directives. Because this course is a universal training session the Iowa Bomb Squad Task Force Leadership Committee desires to send bomb technicians from around the State of Iowa. Grant funding has been identified to send a total of sixteen technicians. Each of the eight bomb technician units in the State will be granted two registrations. All

registered members will be provided travel, lodging, meals, and program costs for the five day curriculum.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 14, 2011

Roll Call Number: 11-0230

Action: Sub-Grantee Agreements to administer FFY 2010 Homeland Security Grant Program Funds from Iowa's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division for Iowa's Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) and Iowa's Weapons of Mass Destruction Tactical Officer's (SWAT) Task Force Programs to upgrade the Andros F6A robot platform drive systems. ([Council Communication No. 11-076](#)) **Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.**

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Future expenditures by the Iowa Bomb Squad Task Force Leadership Committee.

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