

Date 10/19/2020

ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2020 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT AWARDS ON BEHALF OF THE WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (WMD)/SWAT AND THE EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DETECTION (EOD) TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, The City of Des Moines Police Department requests approval to accept the 2020 Homeland Security grant awards on behalf of the Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)/SWAT Task Force and the Explosive Ordnance Detection (EOD) Task Force, and;

WHEREAS; the WMD/SWAT Task Force award is in the amount of \$153,139 and the EOD Task Force award is in the amount of \$1,087,172 totaling \$1,240,311, and:

WHEREAS, these awards do not require matching funds, and:

WHEREAS, these funds are to be utilized for the purchase of specific equipment in the respective specialized fields for the State of Iowa statewide task force teams, and:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa authorizes the Mayor and the Police Department designees to sign the award documents to accept the grant award for the 2020 Homeland Security WDM/SWAT and EOD grant program.

(Council Letter Number 20-469 attached)

Moved by _____ to adopt

Approved as to form:



Douglas P. Philip
Assistant City Attorney

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COWNIE				
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CERTIFICATE

I, P. Kay Cmelik, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Mayor

City Clerk

Item 33 – Acceptance of 2020 Homeland Security Grant Awards on behalf of the Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)/SWAT and the Explosive Ordnance Detection (EOD) Task Force.

Question 1: What is the Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)/SWAT taskforce? Who is on it? What do they do/what is their purpose?

Response 1: The WMD SWAT Task Force Teams are comprised of five teams containing twelve members each. The teams consist of supervisors, tactical officers and related equipment enhanced by the ability to operate in hazardous material environments related to the exposure of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive (CBRNE) threat environments. The five teams are distributed geographically across the State of Iowa to provide a rapid response in as wide an area of coverage as possible.

The WMD SWAT Task Force Teams are part of the Statewide multi-hazard immediate response preparations for an all-hazards approach to manmade and natural disasters. Response to acts of terrorism, large scale hazardous material accidents, tornados, floods, recovery of stolen or missing radiological materials, distribution of materials and medicines associated with the National Strategic Stockpile, providing trained incident managers (NIMS/ICS) staff in support of natural disasters, and high-risk warrant service related to the use of CBRNE materials.

Team supervisors and members are cross trained to support other Statewide Task Force Teams to include: Incident Management Task Force, Hazardous Materials Task Force, Urban Search and Rescue Task Force, Veterinarian Response Task Force, forensic epidemiological investigations, and cooperative operations with the National Guard 71st Civil Support Team related to the detection, recovery, and mitigation of weapons of mass destruction.

Question 2: What is the Explosive Ordnance Detection Taskforce? Who is on it? What do they do/what is their purpose? Are the eight (8) bomb teams in Central Iowa?

Response 2: The Statewide EOD Task Force Teams consist of eight (8) existing Bomb Squads from: Des Moines, State of Iowa (Fire Marshal), Cedar Rapids, Pottawattamie Co., Johnson Co., Waterloo, Linn Co., and the Quad Cities.

Bomb squads are specifically trained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Department of Energy, Division of Counter Terrorism Operations Support, Department of Homeland Security, various universities and private vendors in the detection, identification, mitigation and use of explosive materials related to commercial operations and the criminal use of improvised explosive and related devices. The scope of these devices range from improvised fireworks to large vehicle bombs and other weapons of mass destruction.

The primary mission is related to the rendering safe of improvised explosive devices and military ordnance encountered in the civilian theater. Bomb Technicians are trained in the detection, identification, neutralization and mitigation of all categories related to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive (CBRNE) precursors, compounds, chemical compositions

and dispersal devices related to weapons of mass destruction. Additional priority responsibilities are associated with post blast reconstruction, evidence collection and subject matter expert court testimony, both with traditional improvised or military ordnance and hazardous chemical, biological, and radiological materials.

Team members are trained in the recognition of chemical, biological, and radiological labs and precursors used for the manufacture of improvised explosive and dispersal devices utilized in the criminal use of weapons of mass destruction.

Team members are cross trained to support the other Statewide Task Forces to effectively respond to support other manmade and natural disasters.

Question 3: What did we use the 2018 dollars for?

Response 3:

EOD:

- 8 Mini X-Ray Sources, 1 for each of the 8 teams
- 8 Carbon Fire Mini PAN Disruptors, 1 for each of the 8 teams
- 8 Specialty Tool backpacks, 1 for each of the 8 teams for JHAT mission
- No Training in 2018

WMD SWAT:

- 60 Replacement of outdated/expired ballistic protective vests
- 10 Purchase ballistic protective rescue blankets
- 5 Under door cameras for remote viewing immediately prior to warrant service entry
- 5 Portable rapid metal cutting torch kits
- 70 Multi-sensors monitor calibration kits and replacement sensors for existing monitors

Question 4: What specific equipment and training will these grant funds purchase/support?

Response 4:

EOD: 2020

- 3 Remotec FX Robots to replace 3 of the 8 old F6B robotics platforms
- 4 ScanX X-ray processing systems to replace 4 of the 8 old logos x-ray processors

WMD SWAT:

- 60 sets of portable helmet mounted thermal imaging systems with mounting hardware (commonly called “night vision”)
- Advanced WMD SWAT Operations Training for 24 students to attend the Louisiana State University basic HAZAMT SWAT Operations Course. Course is basic certification for HAZMAT operations for new team members across the State.