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DATE: April 12, 2017
TO: Joint Finance Committee
Representative Nygren
From: Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Assoc. HazMat Teams
RE: HazMat Funding

The Haz Mat teams were organized into a state resource in 1991 and since that time have not had an increase in funding but have experienced approximately an 11% cut in funding over the last few years. We would like to have that funding replaced to help the teams overcome the increasing costs of training and response capabilities. An 11% increase or \$137,170 in funding would bring the teams to the original funding level in 1991

The teams have some aging small equipment with the meters that are required to help the team function that are very expensive and need replacement. The HazMat teams would like to propose an annual capital equipment funding source to assist in replacing these expensive meters and detection equipment, which have life cycles of 4 to 7 years before they need to be replaced. The annual cost over a five year cycle of replacing the meters, detection equipment and air monitoring units cost approximately \$239,245 per year. An annual capital fund of \$250,000 that could be maintained by Wisconsin Emergency Management, who would determine what equipment is ready for replacement, would help in maintaining the equipment needed by the teams to provide their services across the State of Wisconsin. The equipment list and approximate costs are below.

2017 HazMat Capital Budget – Equipment

The following is an equipment list and estimated costs that the HazMat Equipment Committee identified as high cost equipment that usually must be replaced on a 5 year use rotation. These are estimates on costs but should be fairly accurate. The goal of identifying this equipment and the costs is to work toward a five year rotating Capital Budget for the teams to ease the replacement costs that the teams are experiencing at the same time as declining revenue to operate the teams.

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u># Units</u>	<u>Total</u>
Radiation Dose Detectors	\$ 1,408	4/team (type I & II teams)	\$ 45,056
Radiation Dose Detectors	\$ 1,408	1/team (type III teams)	\$ 16,846
FTR or Roman	\$ 85,000	1/team (type I & II teams)	\$680,000
Rapid Deployment Kit GPS Controller	\$ 49,040	1/team (type I & II teams)	\$392,320
Nano Radar	\$11,000	1/team (type I, II & III teams)	\$ 22,000

Fourteen- C Meter	\$ 2,000	1/team (type I, II & III teams)	<u>\$ 40,000</u>
		TOTAL five year cost =	\$1,196,222
TOTAL divided by 5 year replacement schedule - \$1,196,222 ÷ 5 years =			\$239,245/year

We would be happy to discuss these issues in more detail if you are interested. Please contact:

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