



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of May 16, 2009**

DATE: May 1, 2009

SUBJECT: Application and appropriation of a Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) grant for the purchase of toughbook laptop computers for the Fire Department's Advance Life Support (ALS) Medic Units.

C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Authorize the County Manager in FY 2009 to apply for and accept a \$47,450 OEMS grant to purchase toughbook laptop computers for the Fire Department's ALS Medic Units.
2. Contingent upon approval, appropriate in FY 2009 \$47,450 grant funds from OEMS (101.364900) to the Fire Department (101.34401) for the purchase of toughbook laptop computers for the Department's ALS Medic Units.

ISSUE: There are no issues with the acceptance of the OEMS grant.

SUMMARY: The OEMS grant provides funding for new toughbook laptop computers that will replace the current toughbook laptop computers on the Department's ALS Medic Units that have passed their life cycle replacement date.

BACKGROUND: Jurisdictions that provide ALS or Basic Life Support (BLS) transport services have a requirement to electronically report patient treatment transport data to the state. A condition of accepting the grant is to install and use the state *EMS Registry* or similar software on each computer to meet the reporting requirement.

DISCUSSION: The Department currently uses toughbook laptop computers on all ALS Medic Units. The department uses *EMS Charts* patient transport reporting software, a Virginia Emergency Medical Services (EMS) approved program that meets all reporting requirements. The current computers were ordered and installed in March 2006. The life cycle replacement for the computers in the ALS Medic Units is three years.

FISCAL IMPACT: The grant pays the full cost of purchasing the toughbook laptop computers. Installation and maintenance costs will be paid with other grant funds. There is no cost to the County for accepting this grant.

County Manager: _____
County Attorney: _____
Staff: James Schwartz, Fire Department