



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item Meeting of April 21, 2012

DATE: March 27, 2012

SUBJECT: Accept a HAZ-MAT Team grant from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) to the Fire Department.

C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Accept and appropriate in FY 2012 a \$30,500 HAZ-MAT team equipment, training and exercise grant from VDEM (101.364900) to the Fire Department (101.34301).
2. Authorize the County Manager or her designee to enter into any agreement(s) associated with this grant.

ISSUES: VDEM has awarded the Fire Department a \$30,500 HAZ-MAT team equipment, training, and exercise grant.

SUMMARY: This grant will be used to purchase HAZ-MAT reference software, incident action planning (IAP) software, and personal decontamination units and protective equipment.

BACKGROUND: The Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) is providing grant monies to Hazardous Materials teams to improve response to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) incidents.

DISCUSSION: The Arlington County Fire Department will use the funding to further its reference and Incident Action Planning (IAP) capabilities. The software capabilities that are being purchased are not limited to the scope of addressing CBRNE events. These software programs can also be used to develop incident action plans for unplanned incidents or planned incidents or events such as July 4th or the Marine Corps Marathon. The decontamination equipment and personal protective gear will enhance the fire department's capability to remove contaminants from responders or citizens in a remote location, thus reducing the scale of the incident.

County Manager:

County Attorney:

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Staff: Thomas Gardiner, Fire Department

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FISCAL IMPACT: VDEM has awarded \$30,500 for this HAZ-MAT team equipment, training, and exercise grant. The grant will cover 100% of the purchase costs for the software, decontamination, and personal protective gear.

Updates to the HAZ-MAT reference software in future fiscal years are expected to be no more than \$3,000 annually. These costs will be paid for with existing funds in the department's base budget. No additional County funds will be required.