

**CITY OF MARSHALL
AGENDA ITEM REPORT**

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, March 14, 2023
Category:	CONSENT AGENDA
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	Out of State Travel Request
Background Information:	<p>The Southwest Chemical Assessment Team (CAT) is part of the Marshall Fire Department. The team currently consists of ten members. Six fireman and four hazmat members have completed the NFPA 472 HAZMAT training to be certified as a technician and in operations. Captain Brian Swalboski and Lieutenant Jordy Beek have provided leadership to the team that provides coverage for 14 counties in the southwest region.</p> <p>At the encouragement of our State Fire Marshal’s Office, Lieutenant Jordy Beek applied for training at the Security and Emergency Response Training Center (SERTC) located in Pueblo, Colorado and has been accepted for April 2023. The 40-hour course offered gives extensive, immersive, realistic training that includes full-scale scenarios to help first responders be better prepared for surface transportation emergencies. The expenses of the course, airfare, lodging, and vehicle rental is covered by the DHS/FEMA. Any other expenses associated with training will be covered by the grant for the CAT team.</p> <p>The objectives of the training will be to prepare the participants for leadership and management of flammable/combustible liquid, hazardous materials or WMD/IED involving surface transportation. Participants will be required to complete proficiency requirements in NIMS/ICS documentation and produce Incident Action Plans that incorporate hands-on, scenario-based activities. Participants will learn how to conduct site surveys and risk assessments and to identify federal agencies that could potentially respond. Participants will be challenged with in-depth planning and decision-making processes relevant to real-world emergencies that are pertinent to our community.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	All expenses are covered or reimbursed through DHS/FEMA and the CAT grant
Alternative/ Variations:	
Recommendations:	Approve the request for Out of State Travel for the Southwest MN CAT Team member.