



## CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday, October 13, 2020
<b>Category:</b>	STAFF REPORTS
<b>Type:</b>	INFO
<b>Subject:</b>	Smart Salting Certification.
<b>Background Information:</b>	<p>Recently, Councilman DeCramer has called attention to salt use from snow and ice removal operations. This brief memo is intended to highlight some recent and related training opportunities that are staff has participated in.</p> <p>City maintenance staff attended a MPCA Smart Salting Certification training on September 30<sup>th</sup>. About half of our staff that operates snow removal equipment on our city streets attended this training. The remaining staff will attend a training on October 13<sup>th</sup>. With this training, our staff will receive a 5-year smart salting certification. These two training opportunities were at no cost to the city because the State had a grant. In the future, there will be a cost to re-certify our employees. It is our intent to host a yearly Fall training internally to discuss road salt use in between 5-year certification courses.</p> <p>On October 5<sup>th</sup>, Jessie Dehn, Asst. City Engineer, Dean Coudron, Public Ways Superintendent, and myself all attended a half day MPCA MS4 chloride discussion. The event featured presentations by the City's of Minnetonka, Edina, Bloomington, Plymouth, and Waconia on their snow and ice removal programs. It was very informative and nice to hear some basic features of their operations. We lack some of the technology that is used by these communities, but generally our practices are quite similar.</p>
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	
<b>Alternative/ Variations:</b>	
<b>Recommendations:</b>	