



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, September 14, 2021
Category:	CONSENT AGENDA
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	MERIT Center Bonding Request
Background Information:	<p>Initial efforts to develop the Minnesota Emergency Response and Industrial Training (MERIT) Center began in 1997. Training props, classrooms, equipment bays, storage areas and driving track were developed to deliver training opportunities to emergency responders and industrial workers throughout the region.</p> <p>Today, the MERIT Center serves as a regional fire, rescue, and industrial training facility that continues to bring in high level training to our region. Mandated training required by law has increased and so has the need for career developmental training for law enforcement and emergency services.</p> <p>The planned phase 3 would focus on adding indoor and outdoor live burn props and completing the shooting range. A permanent building used for firearms training and EVOC training would be included with phase 3.</p> <p>Discussion with the Minnesota Management and Budget has been positive, and we plan to submit a bonding request to complete phase 3 of the Strategic Business Plan for the MERIT Center. The approved resolution would be attached to the state bond funding application for the MERIT Center expansion.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	
Recommendations:	Consider approving the resolution supporting the state bond funding application for the Minnesota Emergency Response and Industrial Training Center expansion.