



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Presenter:	Quentin Brunsvold
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, October 24, 2023
Category:	CONSENT AGENDA
Type:	INFO/ACTION
Subject:	Approve out of state travel for up to 4 fire dept. staff
Background Information:	<p>In 2020, the Southwest Chemical Assessment Team (CAT) transitioned to the responsibility of the Marshall Fire Department. The team currently consists of 11 individuals, 7 of these individuals are firefighters cross trained to NFPA 472 HAZMAT certified technicians. It is difficult to find technical HAZMAT continuing education outside of 3 or 4 national conferences throughout the year. The conference referenced above is the Hazardous Materials Instructors/Commanders Conference (HMICC) in Ft. Lauderdale, FL November 13-15 2023.</p> <p>A funding request to send 3-4 staff to this conference was submitted as part of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant which was awarded on October 11th. This federal grant is administrated by the MN State Fire Marshal Division for all the state chemical response teams. This grant requires a 20% soft cost match that will be absorbed through the annual state contract award amount that ends on 30 June, 2024. The Hazardous Materials Instructors and Commanders Conference (HMICC) provides continuing education, information sharing, and networking for senior hazardous materials responders responsible for training and managing HazMat response programs. The training workshops at HMICC include: Threat Updates, Train-the-Trainer sessions, Incident Case Studies and Lessons-Learned, New tactics and Best Practices, Instructor Development, Command Level Decision Making & New Technology and Equipment.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	\$0
Alternative/Variations:	None
Recommendations:	Approve the out of state travel request