



MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL

Request to Include Topic on the City Council Agenda

From: Division Chief of Logistics, Justin Winkler MFD **Meeting Date:** May 3, 2022

Presenter: Division Chief Justin Winkler **Estimated Time:** 5 minutes

Topic: Subrecipient/ Beneficiary Grant Agreement from Homeland State Security Program for technology upgrades to incident command trailer

Recommended Council Action:

Requesting Mayor's signature on the Subrecipient/ Beneficiary Grant Agreement

Background:

Background of Grant Request: In 2008 Meridian Fire and Meridian PD placed a mobile incident command trailer into service. A recent assessment of the unit has identified some upgrades that will improve public and responder life safety. It has become apparent that with the advancement in technology since 2008 that some of the communications abilities are out of date such as WiFi, computer monitoring, weather monitoring, portable radio charging stations and batteries. These amongst other upgrades that would include an automatic power transfer switch, electric self leveling jacks and electric awnings with wind sensors. Capability improvements would increase communications ability and speed as well as make set up of the unit rapid and efficient. This could also speed up the arrival of additional resources, reduce casualties, improve overall coordination/ communication of an incident and possible reduce overload on the dispatch system.