



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Sean P. Toomey, Deputy Fire Chief
DATE: April 5, 2016
SUBJECT: State Homeland Security Exercise Funds Application

Recommendation

Through the City Manager, authorize the Fire Department to apply for grant funding through the New Hampshire Department of Safety - Homeland Security and Emergency Management Exercise and Evaluation Program. Said funding to be used to create an exercise designed to assess and evaluate the Fire Department's response to an active shooter.

Background

The Concord Fire Department continues to train on active shooter incidents.

The Fire Department and Police Department have been conducting joint classroom sessions on active shooter incidents. The Fire Department has been training on the Rescue Task Force concept which places Fire Department personnel in the warm zone with appropriate personal protective equipment to provide a more immediate medical response to victims.

The intention of conducting this training is to further exercise the Rescue Task Force concept.

Discussion

This grant will allow for the Concord Fire Department to fund costs associated with conducting a large scale exercise. Overtime expenses for personnel, supplies, evaluators and food expenses are just a few items that require additional money that are not available through traditional budgetary accounts. There is no requirement for any matching city funds to be obligated for this training exercise, and it is anticipated that no city funds will be utilized. Funding may also be available to purchase additional personal protective equipment.