



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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Date: February 11, 2013

To: Brian Kischnick, City Manager

From: Tom Darling, Financial Services Director  
William S. Nelson, Fire Chief

Subject: Transfer of Title for Grant Funded Equipment (Introduced by Chief Nelson)

### **History**

Over the past seven years, the city has accepted title for two vehicles that were funded by Department of Homeland Security grant funds for fire special operations teams in Oakland County. The vehicles are: 1) a 2005 Wells cargo trailer which is capable of providing mobile decontamination facilities for personnel exposed to chemical/biological agents; and 2) a 2010 Ford pickup truck that is assigned to the Oakland County Hazardous Materials Response Team.

While these vehicles were purchased for the use of multiple agencies, at the time there was no central entity that was capable of titling the vehicles. Since 2009 the Oakland County Fire Mutual Aid Association (MABAS Division 3201), representing 32 municipalities in Oakland County; and the Oakway Mutual Aid Association (MABAS Division 3202), representing 8 municipalities in Oakland County, have been formed under the Urban Cooperation Act and the state Mutual Aid Box Alarm System. (MABAS)

These organizations, supported by dues from the participating municipalities, provide shared services to the member municipalities and share the cost among the members. Because these two mutual aid organizations belong to the State Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) they have the ability to provide mutual aid to each other and other MABAS divisions within the state.

The 2005 Wells Cargo decontamination trailer is recommended to be transferred to the Oakway Mutual Aid Association because the Waterford Regional Fire Department which provides fire and special operations services to Waterford Township and the City of Pontiac, protects the U. S. Postal Service Metroplex distribution complex which is located in Pontiac. This complex employs over 1,000 workers and is a regional mail sorting and distribution facility equipped with a sophisticated Biological Detection System, which may require the rapid decontamination of employees.

The 2010 Ford pickup truck is recommended to be transferred to the Oakland County Fire Mutual Aid Association, because it is used on a daily basis by members of the hazardous materials response team from multiple agencies, who serve as the duty officer to respond to hazardous materials incidents in any participating jurisdiction.



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### **Purchasing**

The decontamination trailer was purchased by the State of Michigan using DHS funds allocated to the state and provided to the city which applied for the title. The pickup truck was purchased by Oakland County using DHS funds allocated to the region and titled by the city.

### **Financial**

No city funds were utilized in the purchase of these vehicles. The city has insured the vehicles and the respective mutual aid organizations will provide the insurance when the vehicles are transferred.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the 2005 Wells Cargo Decontamination Trailer be transferred to the Oakway Mutual Aid Association, and that the 2010 Ford Pickup truck be transferred to the Oakland County Fire Mutual Aid Association.

### **City Attorney's Review as to Form and Legality**

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Lori Grigg Bluhm, City Attorney

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