

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2302

May 16, 2022

Federal Emergency Management Agency
ATTN: Assistant Administrator Pamela Williams
400 C Street S.W., 3N
Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Assistant Administrator Williams,

I am writing in strong support of the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office's Port Security Grant Program application for the purchase of a Mobile Command and Communications Vehicle (MCCV). The Sheriff's Office is applying for \$515,794.50 and Goodhue County will match with \$171,931.50.

The Sheriff's Department has identified the need to replace the existing mobile command trailer, which is now 17 years old. To deploy, the trailer requires a one-ton truck and is incompatible with modern technologies. This has made the vehicle unreliable and unusable for the department. The funding from the Port Security Grant would allow the Sheriff's Office to purchase a much-needed new vehicle to better serve the county and surrounding community.

The Mobile Command and Communications Vehicle would be utilized as an All-Hazard Incident Command and Communications support vehicle. This vehicle would provide critical assistance and support on-scene Incident Command as an Incident Command Post. It would also serve as an alternate Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and include mobile 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) capabilities with interoperable public safety communications systems.

The Sheriff's Office has a detailed preparedness plan that requires a working asset, such as a Mobile Command and Communications Vehicle. This is a necessity for addressing emergency and non-emergency incidents that may occur at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant (PINGP), Lake Byllesby Dam, or other critical infrastructure across Goodhue County.

Furthermore, this vehicle would support any public safety response within Goodhue County, including regional maritime response at the Port of Red Wing and along the Upper Mississippi River. This vital resource would also greatly enhance the department's support of the Upper Mississippi River Maritime Area Security Plan (MASP).

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I fully support the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office's application for the Port Security Grant Program and request that you give this application all due consideration.

Sincerely,



Angie Craig
Member of Congress