



# Kenyon Police Department

Chief Jeffrey Sjoblom

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To: Sheriff Marty Kelly

Re: Port Security Grant

Date: 5-13-2022

To Whom it concerns,

The Kenyon Police Department supports Sheriff Kelly's request to apply for a Federal Port Security Grant for a Mobile Command and Communications vehicle. I wrote the grant for the LENCO BearCat Armored Personnel Carrier a few years ago. Some people questioned its value and importance during that process. After receiving that invaluable vehicle, the money invested by the county for that grant and vehicle has been well worth it. There have been numerous events where we could say that the BearCat has saved lives, reduced injuries, and saved money for the county.

The use of the Mobile Command and Communications vehicle, I feel, would be of similar benefit to the county as it will, overtime, save the county money with its efficiency and resources it will provide. There is a very important thing that I've learned about the BearCat. Though it doesn't get used on a regular basis, there have been many times where the county has been fortunate to have it, when we needed it. The vehicle would benefit the city of Kenyon, as we do not have the space and resources at the Police Department if a major event happened in the city of Kenyon. This vehicle would fill those voids we have. Goodhue County Sheriff's Office would allow the city of Kenyon to use this vehicle during major disasters and events.

I appreciate your time and consideration on this much needed and valuable resource.

Sincerely,

Chief Jeffrey Sjoblom #600  
Kenyon Police Department

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

May 16, 2022

Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Region 5 Office  
ATTN: Administrator Thomas C. Sivak  
536 South Clark Street  
Chicago, IL 60605

Dear Administrator Sivak,

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