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TO: Goodhue County Commissioners

FROM: Marty Kelly, Sheriff
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RE: **Out of State Travel Request**

Summary:

It is requested that the County Board approve the out of state travel for Public Safety Telecommunicator Alan Paron in order to attend the 9-1-1 Goes to Washington Conference from February 26th – March 2nd.

Background:

In late 2022, MN DPS's Emergency Communication Network (ECN) approved our Public Safety Telecommunicators ability to attend additional trainings and conferences. As the provider of our E911 grant funds, they have approved the use of these funds to cover all costs associated to professional development. This includes any registration, travel, lodging and the backfill of salaries in order for staff to be away.

9-1-1 Goes to Washington is held in Washington, D.C. from February 26th – March 2nd. Attendance by our staff is very important for several reasons. This is a new Congress, providing us fresh opportunities to secure funding for Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG911) to ensure that all Americans have access to the best possible 9-1-1 service no matter where they live, work, or travel and seeing 9-1-1 professionals reclassified as "Protective Service" occupation to validate the skilled, difficult work of all PSTs across the country. ECN is encouraging attendance by our staff. This conference will provide a unique combination of education and attendee-led dialogue with elected and appointed officials. Additional information can be found at:

<https://www.nena.org/page/gtw>

Out of state travel is being addressed at the February Budget Committee, however, we will need to make reservations, book flights and lodging before then.

Registration: \$515.00
Travel: \$650.00-800.00 approximately
Lodging: \$800.00 approximately

Recommendation:

It is the recommendation of staff that the County Board approve this out of state travel request using existing E911 grant funding as allocated by MN DPS ECN.

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