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TO: Budget Committee & Goodhue County Board Commissioners

FROM: Kristine Holst, Financial Manager
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DATE: January 30, 2023

RE: **2023 Out of State Travel Request(s) for Trainings and/or Conferences Eligible for E911 Grant Funding**

In late 2022, MN DPS's Emergency Communication Networks (ECN) announced that professional development trainings and conference opportunities related to emergency communications are an approved use of E911 grant funds. Eligible staff would be the Sheriff, Chief Deputy, Communications Captain, Public Safety Telecommunicators and PST Sergeants. All of these positions have a direct responsibility for the operation of our Emergency Communications Center (ECC).

Covered expenses include: Registration costs, travel, lodging, any backfill overtime, etc.

We are requesting pre-approval of any announced or unannounced out of state travel for eligible staff. Currently, we know of the following opportunities but have not yet identified staff who may attend:

- June 17-22, 2023: NENA Conference & Expo (Grapevine, TX) - [More Information](#)
- August 6-9, 2023: APCO 2023 (Nashville, TN) - [More Information](#)

No staff have been committed at this time and each request to attend still goes through the Sheriff's Training Request process.

This request is not limited to the two opportunities listed above. There may be more training and/or conferences which come up throughout the year which are eligible for E911 grant funding and we would like this blanket request to cover those opportunities as well.

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