



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 11, 2002

Council Session

Item G16

#2002-158 - Approving Agreement with Nebraska Emergency Management Regarding Providing Hazardous Material Response and Equipment

The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency has received funds through a Department of Justice grant program to provide equipment to selected emergency responders for hazardous material handling. Nebraska Emergency Management Agency provides the equipment directly to the City for use in our community and in other areas when requested. The Memorandum of understanding provides the responsibilities for the City of Grand Island and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. Seven other cities across the state have entered into similar agreements. This item was discussed at the June 4, 2002 City Council Study Session. Approval is recommended. See attached RESOLUTION.

Staff Contact: Jim Rowell

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE
GRAND ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT
AND THE
NEBRASKA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

This Memorandum of Understanding describes the relationship and supporting activities of the Grand Island Fire Department and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency to transfer ownership of the response equipment from the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency to the Grand Island Fire Department for use in responding to incidents where the use of such equipment is required.

Therefore, this Memorandum of Understanding sets forth the following areas of responsibility:

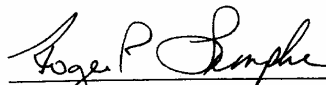
Nebraska Emergency Management Agency will:

1. Purchase the equipment listed on the attachment to this memorandum using the approved fiscal policies of the State of Nebraska.
2. Provide training opportunities to the Grand Island Fire Department on the use and maintenance of the equipment.
3. Distribute the equipment to the Grand Island Fire Department.

Grand Island Fire Department will:

1. Maintain the equipment so it is available for use when necessary.
2. Maintain competency level through periodic training using the equipment.
3. Respond to incidents requiring the use of the equipment as requested by other departments under existing Mutual Aid Agreements.
4. Support the State Emergency Response Team as requested by other departments under existing Mutual Aid Agreements.
5. Upon orders of the Governor, during the time of a declared disaster, under RRS 81-829.40(3), serve as a member of a State emergency response team as defined in RRS 81-829.52 through 81-829.55

For Nebraska Emergency Management
Agency



Director

24 May 2002
Date

For the Grand Island Fire Department

Mayor

Date

RESOLUTION 2002-158

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency received funds through a Department of Justice grant program to provide equipment to selected emergency responders for handling hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency would like to transfer ownership of the response equipment to the City of Grand Island Fire Department for use in responding to incidents where the use of such equipment is required; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency will purchase the equipment and provide training to the Fire Department employees on the use and maintenance of the equipment; and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Understanding has been prepared to allow the transfer of ownership of such equipment and set out the responsibilities of each party.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Grand Island and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency to transfer ownership of equipment necessary for handling hazardous materials from the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency to the Grand Island Fire Department is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska on June 11, 2002.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ? _____ June 6, 2002 ? City Attorney
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