



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 23, 2004

Council Session

## Item G13

**#2004-302 - Approving Agreement with Roco Rescue Training Programs for Rescue Training Grant**

Staff Contact: Jim Rowell

# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Jim Rowell, Fire Chief  
**Meeting:** November 23, 2004  
**Subject:** Specialized Rescue Training Grant  
**Item #'s:** G-13  
**Presenter(s):** Fire Chief Jim Rowell

## Background

The Grand Island Fire Department pursued and was awarded a federal grant to receive training in specialized rescue from the ROCO Company. The Grant also provided for the purchase of additional rescue equipment for training. The training and equipment costs are \$126,874.00. The city portion of the funding is 10% or \$12,687.40. This funding was anticipated and is provided for in the current budget. The ROCO training portion of the grant is \$84,825.00 and is what is covered by the agreement offered for council consideration.

## Discussion

Grand Island entered into an agreement through a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Nebraska to respond to hazmat emergencies anywhere in Nebraska. Eight other cities have also entered into similar agreements. In exchange for that commitment to respond, the state provides federal funding for equipment. Some of the equipment is useful in other calls including rescues. The money for this grant is separate from the hazmat funding and much of it may be useful in either situation. The equipment is designated for training and the training will be provided to 21 students including 8 full time State Fire Marshal Training Division Instructors.

The success of this grant application is due in large part to the extension of the benefit of the training to multiple agencies and the partnership with the State of Nebraska Fire Marshal's Training Division. Certified instructors will receive this training and through them it will be given to Nebraska fire and rescue departments throughout the state. The equipment provided through this grant is designated for training in the central region of Nebraska so that existing state training equipment will continue to be used in the eastern and western training regions of Nebraska.

## **Alternatives**

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand.  
The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

## **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council approve this resolution.

## **Sample Motion**

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the agreement with ROCO Rescue.

R E S O L U T I O N 2004-302

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2002, by Resolution 2002-158, the City of Grand Island entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency to transfer ownership of equipment necessary for handling hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the City's agreement to respond to hazardous material emergencies throughout the state, federal funding is available to receive training in specialized rescues and for additional rescue equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Island Fire Department has received notification that they have been awarded federal grant funds; and

WHEREAS, specialized rescue training by the ROCO Company has been authorized in the amount of \$84,825, and additional rescue equipment in the amount of \$42,049 will be purchased; and

WHEREAS, the City's is responsible for 10% or approximately \$12,687.40 for such training and equipment; and

WHEREAS, a proposed agreement with ROCO Company for the specialized rescue training has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney's office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the receipt of federal grant funds for specialized rescue training by ROCO Company in the amount of \$84,825 and for the purchase of additional rescue equipment in the amount of \$42,049 is hereby approved; and the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with ROCO Company on behalf of the City of Grand Island for such training.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, November 18, 2004.

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
November 18, 2004	☐ City Attorney