

LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FILE #090870**

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File #090870 authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department to apply for, accept and fund a Homeland Security/Milwaukee Police EOD Equipment grant in the amount of \$30,000 through the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance. Proceeds will be used to purchase 34 FM53 Avon Respiratory Protection Masks. This 100% donor funded earmark grant was awarded on September 29, 2009 and must be utilized by May 31, 2010.

BACKGROUND

A core mission of the Department of Homeland Security is to enhance the ability of state and local governments to prepare, prevent, respond to and recover from terrorist attacks and other disasters. The Homeland Security Grant Program (“HSGP”) is a primary funding mechanism for building and sustaining national preparedness capabilities. The Wisconsin HSGP – administered by the Office of Justice Assistance – helps to protect Wisconsin’s communities by building the capacity to prevent, respond to, and recover from a catastrophic incident of terrorism in the state.

DISCUSSION

This \$30,000 grant will be used to purchase 34 FM53 Avon Masks for use in a Chemical/Biological/Radiological/Nuclear/Explosives (“CBRNE”) environment. These dual purpose respirators perform in an oxygen-deficient or chemically exposed environment at the click of a nozzle. Importantly, these masks fit under bomb suit helmets, which regular respirators do not. The masks will be utilized by both the Hazardous Device Unit (aka, Bomb Squad) and the Tactical Enforcement Unit.

FISCAL IMPACT

This grant is administered through the State of Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance. Acceptance requires no city participation and has no impact on the tax levy.

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