



# City of Wilmington

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## **Public Safety Committee**

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## **NOTICE**

Public Safety Committee Meeting  
Thursday May 23, 2019  
5:00 p.m.  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Council Committee Room

## **Agenda**

- A Resolution Approving the Wilmington Fire Department's Grant Application to the Delaware Emergency Management Agency for Secured Communication Radios and Transceivers
- A Resolution Approving the Wilmington Fire Department's Grant Application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for a Radiation Detection System
- A Resolution Approving the Wilmington Police Department's Grant Application to the Criminal Justice Council for a Sexual Assault Kit Initiative
- Update on body cameras for Wilmington Police Department

(5/14/19)

*If public comment is permitted during this committee meeting, any member of the public who wishes to speak during the committee meeting will be limited to three minutes per agenda item. If the public's permission to comment is abused, the Chair may exercise greater discretion in limiting public comment*

Wilmington, Delaware  
June 6, 2019

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**Sponsor:**

**Council  
Member  
Williams**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, the Council deemed it necessary and proper to specify the requirements for review and approval of City-sponsored grant applications and proposals, including authorization for expedited grant applications when necessary prior to Council's approval by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, through the Fire Department, applied for a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") in the amount of \$24,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Department intends to use the grant money to fund two separate communication security projects, and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the grant, in the amount of \$10,000, will be used to outfit both Fire Boat 7 and Marine 7 with Class A Automatic Identification Systems ("AIS") with secure text messaging and interagency operations;

**WHEREAS**, AIS are intended to allow ships to view marine traffic in their area and to be seen by that traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, the new secure AIS will be used to replace the current Class B AIS system with the new enhanced system; and

**WHEREAS**, the new enhanced AIS will enable Fire Department vessels to communicate with Coast Guard and public safety boats using a secure encrypted messaging system; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the grant, in the amount of \$14,000, will be used to acquire two multi-band portable radios for Marine 7 and Fire Boat 7 for use with multi-jurisdictional interoperability communications; and

**WHEREAS**, the current portable vessel radios are technologically limited and are unable to function in other jurisdictions that do not utilize the 800 MHz radio system. The new multi-band portable radios would enable Marine 7 and Fire Boat 7 to operate in other jurisdictions without utilizing a radio patch from a 911 center; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the grant application, for the aforesaid purposes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that the Wilmington Fire Department's grant application to FEMA in the amount of \$24,000 is hereby authorized.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief of the Wilmington Fire Department, or his designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept any and all funds associated with the grant application and to fulfill the grant requirements.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**SYNOPSIS:** This Resolution authorizes the Wilmington Fire Department's application for a grant from FEMA in the amount of \$24,000. The grant will enable the City to fund two separate communications projects that will allow secure communications within the agency and with other public safety agencies.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** There is no negative fiscal impact on the City as no local matching funds are required.

Wilmington, Delaware  
June 6, 2019

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**Council  
Member  
Williams**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, the Council deemed it necessary and proper to specify the requirements for review and approval of City-sponsored grant applications and proposals, including authorization for expedited grant applications when necessary prior to Council's approval by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, through the Fire Department, applied for a pass-through grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") which will be awarded to the State of Delaware and administered by the Delaware Emergency Management Agency ("DEMA") in the amount of \$108,700; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Department intends to use the grant money to purchase a vessel mounted radiation detection system, and

**WHEREAS**, the radiation detection system would enhance the safety of the personnel and patients on board the vessel by alerting to a potential radioactive source; and

**WHEREAS**, the radiation detection system would also enhance the vessel capabilities by alerting the crew of a radiation source on or nearby the water during an environmental release; and

**WHEREAS**, the radiation detection system is designed to detect the movement of nuclear material used for weapons of mass destruction or a radiological dispersal device and would be able to interrogate and categorize the source as either innocent, suspicious or a threat; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the grant application, for the aforesaid purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that the Wilmington Fire Department's grant application to FEMA and DEMA in the amount of \$108,700 is hereby authorized.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief of the Wilmington Fire Department, or his designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept any and all funds associated with the grant application and to fulfill the grant requirements.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**SYNOPSIS:** This Resolution authorizes the Wilmington Fire Department's application for a grant from FEMA in the amount of \$108,700. The grant will enable the City to obtain a vessel-mounted radiation detection system which will increase the safety of passengers and will also be able to identify potential weapons of mass destruction.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** There is no negative fiscal impact on the City as no local matching funds are required.

Wilmington, Delaware  
June 20, 2019

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**Council  
Member  
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**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, the Council deemed it necessary and proper to specify the requirements for review and approval of City-sponsored grant applications and proposals, including authorization for expedited grant applications when necessary prior to Council's approval by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, through the Wilmington Police Department, applied for a grant from the Delaware Criminal Justice Council ("CJC") in the amount of \$100,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wilmington Police Department intends to use the grant money to address the growing number of unsubmitted Sexual Assault Kit ("SAK") in law enforcement custody, and to help provide resolution for victims of sexual assaults when possible, and

**WHEREAS**, there is broad consensus that this must be accomplished through a comprehensive approach to the problem; and

**WHEREAS**, grant funding will be used to inventory the existing numbers of untested SAKs, test these kits, and pursue new investigative leads and potential prosecution, and ensure that support is provided throughout the investigation and prosecution process; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant funds will allow the Wilmington Police Department to coordinate with the CJC to help create or improve an evidence-tracking system, provide training on sexual assault investigations, and increase the collection of offender DNA for Combined DNA Index System ("CODIS") evidence upload purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, this may lead to the identification of potential suspects and even serial sex offenders; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the grant application, for the aforesaid purposes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that the Wilmington Police Department's grant application to the CJC in the amount of \$100,000 is hereby authorized.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief of the Wilmington Police Department, or his designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept any and all funds associated with the grant application and to fulfill the grant requirements.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**SYNOPSIS:** This Resolution authorizes the Wilmington Police Department's application for a grant from the Delaware CJC in the amount of \$100,000. The grant will enable the Wilmington Police Department to fund the testing of Sexual Assault Kits ("SAK") to identify evidence, prosecute suspects, and provide support to victims of sexual assault.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** There is no negative fiscal impact on the City as no local matching funds are required.