

**MOTION:**

**October 20, 2020  
Regular Meeting**

**SECOND:**

**Res. No. 20-**

**RE:**

**RATIFY GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE BY THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SYSTEM AS A RECIPIENT OF FIRST DUE PRE-INCIDENT PLANNING AND SITUATIONAL AWARENESS SOFTWARE VALUED AT \$60,800 TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM GRANT PROGRAM**

**ACTION:**

**WHEREAS**, Prince William County continues to provide fire and rescue services and is committed to protecting the citizens and visitors to the highest degree possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northern Virginia Emergency Response System has provided a funding through the 2019 Urban Areas Security Initiative programs that provide First Due Situational Awareness and Pre-Incident Planning Software for fire/emergency medical services; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of this project is to provide Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) member agencies with situational awareness and pre-incident planning software that provides near real-time data to fire and rescue management; and

**WHEREAS**, Prince William County and all COG members are highly encouraged by COG to take part in this grant opportunity to share information and improve emergency response across jurisdictional boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, Prince William County will receive Pre-Incident Planning and Situational Awareness Software valued at \$60,800, to be utilized in daily management of the fire and rescue system; and

**WHEREAS**, there are no annual operating costs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby ratifies the grant application and authorizes the acceptance by the Prince William County Fire and Rescue System, as a recipient of First Due Situational Awareness and Pre-Incident Planning Software valued at \$60,800 to be received from the Department of Homeland Security Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Program.

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**Votes:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Absent from Vote:**

**Absent from Meeting**

**For Information:**

Fire and Rescue System Chief

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Clerk to the Board**



# STAFF REPORT

<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	October 20, 2020
<b>Agenda Title:</b>	Ratify Grant Application and Authorize Acceptance by the Prince William County Fire and Rescue System as a Recipient of First Due Pre-Incident Planning and Situational Awareness Software Valued at \$60,800 from the Department of Homeland Security Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Program
<b>Requested Action:</b>	Approve the resolution and authorize the acceptance of grant funding.
<b>Department / Agency Lead:</b>	Department of Fire and Rescue
<b>Staff Lead:</b>	Stephen Yannarell, Battalion Chief

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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The Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) applied for and was awarded Department of Homeland Security (DHS) 2019 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant funding for First Due Pre-Incident Planning and Situational Awareness Software for various fire and rescue systems within the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) region, to include Prince William County.

It is the recommendation of staff that the Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) Ratify Grant Application and Authorize Acceptance by the Prince William County Fire and Rescue System as a Recipient of First Due Pre-Incident Planning and Situational Awareness Software Valued at \$60,800 from the Department of Homeland Security Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Program.

## **BACKGROUND**

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The Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) applied for and was awarded Department of Homeland Security (DHS) 2019 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant funding for First Due Pre-Incident Planning and Situational Awareness Software for various fire and rescue systems within the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) region, to include Prince William County.

This software aids in the creation of pre-incident plans using data from County resources like Geographical Information Systems (GIS), water supply, building construction and property info. Additionally, the software provides an interface to increase on-time situational awareness while responding to emergency incidents in Prince William County and those in mutual aid jurisdictions.

To meet grant requirements, the Prince William County Fire and Rescue System (PWCFRS) must utilize the program and share data with mutual aid partners to their mutual benefit when responding to incidents within Prince William County. The grant is fully funded with no local match required and no annual operating costs.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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It is the recommendation of staff that the Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) ratify grant application and authorize acceptance by the Prince William County Fire and Rescue System as a recipient of First Due Pre-Incident Planning and Situational Awareness Software valued at \$60,800 from the Department of Homeland Security Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Program.

### **Service Level / Policy Impact**

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### **Fiscal Impact**

The First Due Pre-Incident Planning and Situational Awareness Software is valued at \$60,800. There are no operating expenses associated with these services.

### **Legal Impact**

The Board of County Supervisors' approval is required for the acceptance of this software as a sub-grant recipient.

## **STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION**

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