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The Honorable Senator Peter Courtney, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Nancy Nathanson, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
900 Court Street NE
H-178 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301-4048

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) is preparing a grant application to apply for a one-time Federal grant of \$343,104 from the 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The application period opened on Tuesday, December 26, 2017 and will close on Friday, February 2, 2018. Awards for the FY 2017 AFG Program are expected to be announced by April 2018 and awardees must complete their performance under the grant within 12 months from the date of the award.

The primary goal of the AFG Program is to meet firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations. As a State Training Academy, DPSST is allowed to apply for this grant for fire training equipment.

As a successful grant recipient, DPSST would replace our current 1987 GMC commercial chassis water tender with a new commercial chassis water tender. This vehicle would carry 3,000 gallons of water, have a 1,000 gallon per minute pump, and will comply with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1901 for Fire Apparatus. The grant request would also include funds for related firefighting equipment for the vehicle such as hose, hand tools, and firefighter safety gear.

The AFG Program requires a 15% match of 51,465 If DPSST is a successful recipient of this grant, the training dollars currently allocated in our 2017-19 Legislatively Adopted Budget for the Fire Training Program would be repurposed towards this program. This grant will not require any additional FTE.

DPSST will request retroactive approval to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for \$343,104 for the FY 2017 AFG Program at the next meeting of the interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means or Emergency Board.

Sincerely,



Eriks Gabliks
Director

