

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 13: Department of the State Fire Marshal Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Broadman

The Public Safety Subcommittee heard a request from the Department of the State Fire Marshal for retroactive approval to submit a federal grant application for hazardous materials emergency preparedness.

The Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant is a formula grant that provides funding to states, territories and tribes in developing, improving, and carrying out emergency plans. The Department has applied for \$1.5 million, of which approximately 45% would be passed through to local emergency agencies and the remainder would be utilized by the Department to provide training, conferences, and tabletop exercises. This is a competitive grant with a three-year period of performance that requires a 20% match which is anticipated to be met by local emergency agencies and in-kind personnel costs of the Department with existing staff.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means retroactively approve the submission of a federal grant application by the Department of the State Fire Marshal to the U.S. Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$1,451,495, for hazardous materials emergency preparedness.