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2026 Grant Request

Request Definition:

The Millville Volunteer Fire Company is requesting \$66,000.00 in monetary grant assistance from the Town of Millville to enhance our fire, rescue, and training capabilities. This grant request addresses five different areas of operations to include firefighting, vehicle rescue, hazardous materials, training, and communications.

Firefighting:

1. We propose purchasing two (2) **Seek Thermal Fire Pro 300** individual thermal imaging camera as the second camera. This camera, in the hands of a firefighter, is used while conducting search and rescue operations during a structure fire. The camera is small and compact, designed to provide the firefighter valuable information, like the ability to see through smoke enabling them a better chance of locating victims.
2. In addition, we would propose purchasing fire hose to replace hose currently in service. Fire hose does not last forever and needs to be replaced on a periodic basis. This hose would be tested annually to ensure reliability.
3. Also, we would propose purchasing two (2) hydraulic forcible entry tools, commonly known as a rabbit tools or hydra-rams. These tools greatly enhance our ability to force open commercial doors such as those found at the rear of shopping centers and other commercial buildings.

Vehicle Rescue

We would like to purchase one (1) battery powered window removal tool. This tool will enhance our ability to remove windshields and other glass from vehicles during extrication activities. This tool allows much more control of the operation with less opportunity to injure the patient or rescuer.

Hazardous Material Incidents

We would like to purchase four (4) *Sensit* 4 gas meters. The *Sensit* Gold G2 Multi Gas Detector allows the investigating crew to monitor the atmosphere for oxygen, carbon monoxide, hydrogen sulfide, and explosive levels (LEL). The significant advantage of the *Sensit* Gold G2 Multi Gas meter is that it allows our crew to pinpoint the exact location of a potential leak using a wand and manual re-calibration feature. The wand feature extends our reach into potentially hazardous environments to more safely obtain readings and evaluate critical next steps. This grant request also includes a calibration station, calibration equipment, and calibration gases.

Training

We would like to purchase one (1) forcible entry training door. This training door will allow our firefighters to practice forcing both inward and outward opening doors. This door will allow our firefighter to become proficient in forcing doors, thus shaving off critical seconds gaining entry during an emergency.

Communications

1. We would like to purchase ten (10) alerting pagers. These pagers are used to alert our personnel for fire and EMS calls for service.
2. In addition, we would like to purchase eight (8) new radio microphones for our portable radios. Through continued use these microphones become unreliable and eventually wear out. New radio microphones need to be purchased and placed in service to increase portable radio reliability.

The amount requested for the grant is broken down as follows:

Thermal Imaging Cameras (2)	@\$1,100 each	\$2,200.00
Fire Hose (amount determined by size and amount)		\$10,102.62
Rabbit Tool or Hydra-ram (2)	@\$3,500.00 each	\$7,000.00
Amkus Window Kit (1)		\$1,000.00
Sensit Gas Meters (4) & accessories		\$22,657.38
Forcible Entry Door (1)		\$10,000.00
Pagers (10)	@800.00 each	\$8,000.00
Portable Radio Micorphones (8)	@\$630.00 each	\$5,040.00

The total cost of these new acquisitions is approximately \$66,000.00

History

The Millville Volunteer Fire Company answered 3629 calls per year. Last year, we responded to 3028 emergency medical calls and 601 Fire/Rescue calls. With the amount of growth in our area, we anticipate those numbers increasing.

Purpose and Use

We currently employ 15 Full-Time Career Firefighter/EMT's who respond to emergency medical, and fire/rescue calls in and around our Millville Fire District. We provide coverage 24 hours a day, 365 days per year, using a combination of career and volunteer staffing. During the busy period of Memorial Day through the end of September, we attempt to provide a third daytime career crew from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, seven days a week, as the availability of our part-time staff allows.

We believe that these capital purchases will further enhance our operations in providing fire and rescue services to the town's citizens.

Attachments:

- Seek Fire Pro 300 thermal imaging camera
- Mercedes Kraken EXO Fire Hose
- Hurst Rabbit forcible entry tool
- Hydra-ram forcible entry tool
- Amkus Dewalt window removal kit
- Sensit G2 gas detection instrument
- TruForce forcible entry training door
- Unicom G5 dual band voice pager
- Motorola XVE500 portable radio microphone