

**WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM(S)**

Date: 12/17/2015

Weekly Agenda Date: 12/22/2015



ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN: Emergency Services, Gary Brown

SUBJECT: **Funding from CF Industries**

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

Approve Ordinance

Approve Resolution

Approve Motion

Give Direction

Other: Informational

Attachments

**WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM:** Emergency Services-Gary Brown

a. Information Only-Donation from CF Industries

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

**Information Only-Funding from CF Industries and performance Contractors**

Woodbury County Emergency Services would like to inform the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors that on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> CF Industries announced they have chosen the Sioux City Hazmat Team, Woodbury County Emergency Services and the Rural Woodbury County Fire and EMS Departments for a generous donation of \$37,324.00 to express their appreciation and continued support of Woodbury County Fire and EMS.

**BACKGROUND:**

In November of 2012 CF Industries announced a \$1.7 billion dollar expansion of their Port Neal Plant, located in the Southwest portion of Woodbury County. This expansion would include a state of the art ammonia and granular urea production unit with a new warehouse that will store 154,000 tons of product. With expansions of this size it will bring several contractors and an influx of people into our county and surrounding areas. The positive impacts are increases of county and city revenues, growths in employment opportunities, and the rental/real estate industry. With the sudden surge of funding and rise of populations in our county and communities CF Industries recognizes the impacts to all Public Safety. CF Industries continues to work closely with area law enforcement, fire departments and ambulance services to ensure they have the plans, tools and the proper training to address these changing needs in our communities.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The financial impact will be positive for the Sioux City Hazmat Team, Woodbury County Emergency Services and all Woodbury County Rural Fire & EMS Departments. With a donation of \$37,324.00 CF Industries has chosen the following projects:

**\$1,200.00 Sponsor the Keynote Speakers for Regional Fire School & the Emergency Conference**

The Regional Fire School and Emergency Conference are held annually in Sioux City each spring and approximately 350-400 area firefighters and emergency medical technicians are in attendance at each event. The conferences strive to provide local responders the opportunity to hear speakers whom are of the highest quality and are considered leaders in their field of expertise. CF Industries' donation will minimize the financial burden of hosting the conference; this will allow the planning committees to keep cost to participate reasonable, as area departments pay for their members to attend.

**\$14,124 Four Hand-Held Multi-Detection Gas Monitors for the Sioux City Hazmat Team**

Sioux City Fire Hazmat Team provides Hazardous Materials response to 12 counties in Northwestern Iowa and Dakota County, Nebraska. The HazMat Team is trained specifically to respond to incidents of a hazmat nature with a knowledgeable crew and specific equipment that allows them to assist the first responders to monitor the air at incidents that involve chemicals of all origins. CF Industries' donation will allow for the purchase four new RAE Systems hand-held monitors, software and lifetime licenses for each unit.

**\$22,000 for the Purchase of 13 Hand-Held Gas Monitors for Anhydrous Ammonia**

According to Woodbury County EMS, on most any given day in rural Woodbury County there are approximately 380,000 gallons of anhydrous ammonia in storage facilities throughout our small communities. In addition, during the times of high demand for anhydrous ammonia, there are 500 or more nurse tanks transporting tons of anhydrous ammonia to individual customers. CF Industries' donation will allow for the purchase of 13 hand-held gas monitor units for each of the county's fire departments and Emergency Services. This will ensure that each fire department in every community will have the correct equipment to safely and quickly identify releases of anhydrous ammonia. The monitors to be purchased are the same units currently used by CF Industries and Sioux City Fire Hazmat Team.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Woodbury County Emergency Services recommends the Board of Supervisor accept the donation from CF Industries for the projects mentioned.

**ACTION REQUIRED / PROPOSED MOTION:**

Information only no action needed.

*Approved by Board of Supervisors March 3, 2015. Revised May 5, 2015.*