

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Distribution of Hazardous     )  
Material Training Grants.                             ) Case No. 07-73-TR-UNC

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Section 4905.80(E), Revised Code, provides that the first eight hundred thousand dollars in civil forfeitures collected under Section 4905.83 shall be credited to the hazardous materials transportation fund. Section 4905.80(E) also sets forth the manner in which moneys credited to the hazardous materials transportation fund shall be distributed by the Commission.
- (2) Under Section 4905.80(E), fifty percent of the hazardous materials transportation fund is distributed to Cleveland State University for its training program for public safety and emergency services personnel in proper techniques for the management of hazardous materials releases that occur during transportation or otherwise. The remainder of the fund is to be distributed to other educational institutions, state agencies, and political subdivisions that have training programs for public safety and emergency services personnel in proper techniques for the management of hazardous materials releases that occur during transportation or otherwise.
- (3) Based upon this criterion, the Commission staff recommends that five grant applicants be awarded a portion of their requested grant. The applicants and the award amounts are identified in the Attachment to this Finding and Order. These grants are to be made on a reimbursement basis, i.e., applicants will be reimbursed up to the dollar amount awarded, for expenses incurred in implementing their hazardous materials response training programs after submission by the applicant of the documentation for those expenses. The total amount of the recommended grants is \$301,374.41.
- (4) All grant requests were reviewed by a committee of staff persons, and priority was given to counties that had not previously received grant funds, county training needs that are unique because of specific hazardous materials issues, train-the-trainer courses and

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joint applications by counties or agencies. Applications were denied and/or modified after committee review which determined that the applicant requested funding for equipment that was not essential for training purposes, courses that were not sufficiently related to the transportation of hazardous materials, as required by Section 4905.83, Revised Code, and/or courses that involve unnecessary out-of-state travel when a comparable in-state course is available. These determinations were made pursuant to course descriptions by the grantee and additional literature provided by the grantee and additional literature provided by the course instructor.

- (5) The grant applications contained requests for the funding of hazardous materials training exercises. Hazardous materials training exercises involve hands-on experience that allows emergency response personnel the opportunity to respond to a hazardous materials incident in a controlled environment which aids proper coordination among emergency response agencies.
- (6) The Commission finds that the training grants should be awarded as set forth in the Attachment.

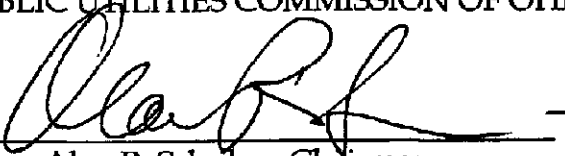
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That, pursuant to Section 4905.80(E), Revised Code, the hazardous materials training grants set forth in this Finding and Order be awarded to the applicants and in the amounts set forth in the Attachment. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the grants be distributed on a reimbursement basis as set forth in the Attachment to this Finding and Order. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon each of the applicants identified in the Attachment.

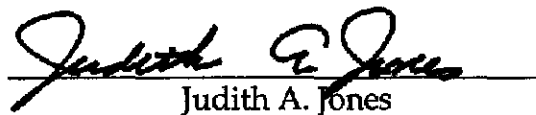
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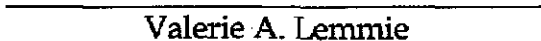
Alan R. Schriber, Chairman



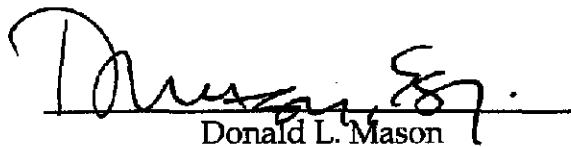
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## **ATTACHMENT**

### **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING GRANTS**

**February, 2007**

#### **Shawnee Township Fire Department Allen County**

The Shawnee Township Fire Department is requesting grant funding towards an Extreme Industrial Fire and Hazard Training course and Highway Emergency Response Specialist course. These courses will provide training for emergency responders in the fire department. These courses will train three fire service responders at the Williams Fire School and the Transportation Technology Center. The applicant is contributing funds to travel and lodging totaling, \$4,485. The grant request to attend the requested training for fire service personnel is \$4,125.00.

Staff recommends partial funding for the requested training. Due to the increased interest in the grant program, this award cycle providing a percentage of the instruction and equipment costs allows for several more awards to be available for responders throughout Ohio. The total award recommended is \$3,836.25.

#### **Summit County Special Operations Response Team Summit County**

The Summit County Special Operations Response Team is requesting grant funding for a Rail Car for First Responder Workshop course provided by the University of Findlay, Surviving the Hot Zone Workshop provided by Safe Transportation Training Specialists and Cameo, Aloha, Marplot Refresher class provided by Cleveland State University. These courses will train 130 fire response personnel. The applicant is contributing funds to instruction costs totaling \$34,000. The grant request is for instruction costs toward the three training courses totaling \$19,835.

Staff recommends partial funding for the requested training. Due to the increased interest in the grant program, this award cycle providing a percentage of the instruction and equipment costs allows for several more awards to be available for responders throughout Ohio. The total award recommended is \$18,446.55.

**Lorain County Community College  
Lorain County**

The Lorain County Community College is requesting grant funding for NFPA 1670 Compliant Trench Rescue course and Incident Command Systems course. The audience for the training will be 55 Fire Service, Law Enforcement, EMS, Emergency Planning Committee Members and Emergency Managers. The Community College will provide the training at the campus facilities. There has been a grant request for instruction costs, travel, lodging and equipment totaling \$49,131.72.

Staff recommends partial funding for the requested training. Due to the increased interest in the grant program, this award cycle providing a percentage of the instruction and equipment costs allows for several more awards to be available for responders throughout Ohio. Travel and Lodging cost are not being funded this grant cycle. The total award recommended is \$40,057.89.

**Ohio Department of Transportation  
Franklin County**

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is requesting funding for a Diesel Spill two-part training program. The costs associated with this training are with the implementation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the Diesel Spill course. A broad audience will be trained by this course, including Fire Service, Law Enforcement, SERC/LEPC members, Emergency Managers and Highway responders. The instruction cost for the course includes course development, train-the-trainer programs and presenting the program. The applicant is contributing funds to instruction, travel/lodging and equipment costs totaling \$47,945. The grant request for the Diesel Spill training is \$38,234.

Staff recommends partial funding for the requested training. Due to the increased interest in the grant program, this award cycle providing a percentage of the instruction and equipment costs allows for several more awards to be available for responders throughout Ohio. The total award recommended is \$35,577.62.

**University of Findlay  
Hancock County**

The University of Findlay is requesting grant funding towards Emergency Response Awareness, Operations, Technician, and Technician Refresher Courses.

Additionally, training in Incident Command 16-hour and 24-hour courses and Rail Car Hazmat Response and Refresher training courses will be offered. These courses will provide training for emergency responders throughout Ohio served by the University. These courses will train 810 responders at the training facilities on the campus and at the responders' facilities around the State of Ohio. The grant request for instruction costs, travel, lodging and equipment to train emergency response personnel is \$245,670.

Staff recommends partial funding for the requested training. Due to the increased interest in the grant program, this award cycle providing a percentage of the instruction and equipment costs allows for several more awards to be available for responders throughout Ohio. Travel and Lodging cost are not funded this grant cycle. The total award recommended is \$203,456.10.

**The total recommended for this grant cycle is \$301,374.41**