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STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: 12/8/2015

DATE: 11/18/2015
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: The 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee
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SUBJECT: The 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Travel/Training request for two (2) individuals from each of the three (3) primary Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) to attend a total of three (3) Public Safety Training Courses in an amount not to exceed \$49,781.60 total for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Total expenditures, to be funded within the adopted operating budgets of the E911 Fund. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

This Travel/Training request is for an amount not to exceed \$49,781.60 for fiscal year 2015-2016. Total expenditures are to be funded within the adopted operating budgets of the E911 Fund. The request is for funding two (2) individuals from each of the three (3) primary PSAPs to attend a total of three (3) Public Safety Training Courses: 1) TRI-CON Annual Training Conference 2016, February 28 through March 2, 2016 in San Diego, CA; 2) Navigator Conference 2016, April 27 through 29, 2016 in Washington, DC; and 3) NENA (National Emergency Number Association) Conference 2016, June 11 through 16, 2016 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Sustainability of our financial, social and natural resources.

PREVIOUS ACTION

February 23, 2010, 10-151, the BCC authorized travel and registration for one employee from each of the three primary E911 PSAPs to attend the National Association of Emergency Dispatch (NAED) Navigator conference from April 27 to May 1, 2010, in Orlando, FL; National

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Emergency Number Association (NENA) conference from June 6-11, 2010, in Indianapolis, IN; and the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) conference from July 31-August 4, 2010, in Houston, TX.

April 12, 2011, 11-286, the BCC authorized non-County and County employee travel and registration funding for one dispatch employee from each of the E911 Public Safety Answering Points to attend the National Association of Emergency Dispatch Navigator conference and/or preconference workshops from April 17-22, 2011, in Las Vegas, Nevada [approximate amount \$6,500, not to exceed \$7,000 Fiscal Year 2010/11 total expenditure - to be funded within the adopted operating budget of the E911 Fund].

April 23, 2013, the BCC approved non-County and County employee travel and registration funding for two (2) individuals from each of the three (3) primary PSAPs to attend three (3) training conferences: 1) April 16-19, 2013 – Navigator conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, early registration cost per person [\$515.00]; 2) June 16-20, 2013 - National Emergency Number Association (NENA) in Charlotte, North Carolina, early registration cost per person [\$729.00]; and 3) August 18-21, 2013 - National Association of Public Safety Communication Officials in Anaheim, California, early registration cost per person [\$425.00] for an amount not to exceed [\$24,000] for travel; and [\$24,000] for registrations, seminars and meetings, for an amount not to exceed a total of [\$48,000] in Fiscal Years 2012-2013 and 2013-2014.

February 11, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners approved reimbursement for non-County employee Travel/Training expenses for the Tiburon Conference September 25-27, 2013 to the City of Reno in the amount of \$2,213.50. Total expenditures to be funded within the adopted operating budgets of the E911 Fund.

April 22, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners approved the Travel/Training request in an amount not to exceed \$19,697 for registration for two training conferences; and travel expenses in an amount not to exceed \$13,559 for a total amount not to exceed \$33,256.00 for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

June 17, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners approved the travel/training request for two individuals from each of the three primary PSAP's (Public Safety Answering Points) to attend a total of four Public Safety Training Courses [not to exceed \$48,000] total for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Total expenditures to be funded within the adopted operating budgets of the E911 Fund.

BACKGROUND

NRS 244A.7645(3)(a)(2) provides, in part, that E911 funds “must be used only... [to pay] costs for personnel and training associated with the routine maintenance and updating of the database for the system.” In the past, the Washoe County District Attorney's staff has advised the E911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee that it must articulate a nexus between proposed training and the stated purpose of the statute (supporting software database maintenance and call taking), in which case, the expenditure of surcharge funds for such training would be permissible. Here, the E911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee has determined that

such a nexus exists and recommends approval of the training. Travel may be included as “costs” of training. Yearly a request is made for funding two (2) individuals from each of the three (3) primary PSAP’s to attend conferences. This request is for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 attendances funded within budget parameters of the “not to exceed” amount.

February 28 – March 2, 2016 – TRI-CON Annual Training Conference in San Diego, California

The annual TUG conference is a powerful opportunity for attendees to receive: training on key capabilities, features and functions of Tiburon products; education on the future direction of Tiburon, its solutions and its products; information about useful and cost-saving add-ons by Tiburon’s partners; briefings on Public Safety Industry trends, topics and news; and exposure to cutting-edge public safety technologies like cloud computing and NG9-1-1.

April 27 – 29, 2016 - Navigator Conference in Washington, DC

Presentations will include: implementing statewide training and protocol legislation; improving communications in the 911 Environment; implementing emergency rules; dispatch mismatches; successfully implementing EPD and ProQA software; what’s new in ProQA software; Social Media; Aqua software tips and tricks; 911 data and analytics forum; ADA compliance.

June 11 – 16, 2016 - National Emergency Number Association (NENA) in Indianapolis, Indiana

At NENA, presentations include public safety issues of the present and the future, but also practical, real world know-how that can be taken back to dispatch and put into action immediately.

Trainees will be connected to the pulse of 9-1-1, joining thousands of public safety professionals, telecommunications specialists, and federal, state, and local policymakers for a week filled with chances to develop a keen understanding of the near and long-term issues facing public safety and build the skill-sets necessary to tackle these challenges head on.

Featuring inspiring keynote speakers, dozens of education and training sessions designed to inform and empower, comprehensive full-day and multi-day courses and workshops with real-world applications, unparalleled opportunities to network with peers and make the right connections, and an expo hall showcasing cutting-edge products and services.

FISCAL IMPACT

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget authority and cash exists within the E911 Fund in the amount of [\$49,781.60] from Cost Centers 800801 Enhanced 911 Fund – GL 710509 Seminars and Meetings and Cost Center 800801 Enhanced 911 Fund – GL711210 Travel.

RECOMMENDATION

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amount not to exceed \$49,781.60 total for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Total expenditures, to be funded within the adopted operating budget of the E911 Fund.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with the recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve the Travel/Training request for two (2) individuals from each of the three (3) primary PSAPs to attend a total of three (3) Public Safety Training Courses in an amount not to exceed \$49,781.60 total for Fiscal Year 2015-2016."