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FUNDING VERBIAGE

• KEY WORDS
  • “REGIONAL”, OR, “COUNTY-WIDE”, OR, WHATEVER YOU CALL YOUR PLANNED AREA NAME
  • “WORKING TO FULFILL NFPA 3000 (PS)”
  • “MULTI-AGENCY (DISCIPLINE) PROGRAM”
  • “VOLUNTEER” OR “PREDOMINANTLY VOLUNTEER COMBINATION AGENCY”
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FUNDING SOURCES

• BE CREATIVE IN YOUR APPROACH!!!
  • ALSO THINK WALMART, INSURANCE COMPANIES, FIREHOUSE SUBS, ETC

• THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX FOR FUNDING SOURCES

• US FIRE ADMINISTRATION – ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANT PROGRAM

• SIREN ACT of 2018 - USDA (think AFG for EMS)

• US DEPT. OF JUSTICE GRANT PROGRAMS
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EQUIPMENT

• EQUIPMENT EXAMPLES
  
  • BODY ARMOR & VESTS – don’t have to buy the most expensive.
ENSURE THE ARMOR HAS CERTIFICATIONS!
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- RURAL AREAS CAN HAVE TROUBLE FINDING AFFORDABLE OPTIONS
- AFFORDABLE ARMOR AND VESTS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH RESEARCH
- ORDER “BY THE SEAT” AS OPPOSED TO EACH INDIVIDUAL - SAVES $$$
- LIFESTAR USES TACTICAL SCORPION FOR BALLISTIC PLATES*
  https://tacticalscorpiongear.com/
- LIFESTAR USES EXTREEM TACTICAL FOR VESTS AND GEAR*
  https://extreemtactical.com/

* (LIFESTAR RECEIVES NO BENEFIT FROM THESE SUGGESTIONS)
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My takeaways:

1.) Rural areas are no longer secluded, safe areas from Active Shooter Responses, as much as in the past - the issue, and incidents, are increasing everywhere, and rural areas are becoming more of a desired target BECAUSE of a lack of resources.

2.) Regional rural agencies need to start thinking outside the box of, "That'll never happen here", to a mindset of, "That could happen here!"

3.) The equipment needed by rural agencies IS affordable if researched thoroughly. The funding IS out there! You just have to research and APPLY!

4.) The need to constantly train TOGETHER (meaning all agencies involved) is an absolute must! In just the last ten (10) years, every rural area that had an Active Shooter response, whether an ambush style attack from staged snipers that set their homes on fire to draw in first responders (NY/OR), or at rural festivals where LEOs were already on site (CA), were immediately overwhelmed because they did not plan for the event.
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