



## HOWARD COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Subject: Testimony & Fiscal Impact Statement  
Council Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_-2015 authorizing the transfer of four (4) surplus  
Mobile Video Trailers to the Baltimore Police Department for regional situational  
awareness purposes

To: Lonnie R. Robbins  
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Ryan A. Miller  
Director, Office of Emergency Management

Date: November 20, 2015

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The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has been designated as the coordinator for the preparation of testimony in regards to the transfer of four (4) surplus ASTI Mobile Video Trailers (MVTs) to the Baltimore Police Department (BPD).

In August 2015, OEM acquired six (6) ASTI MVTs. These units were purchased with reallocated Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant funds. These grant funds are to be used to purchase regional assets that close capability gaps in the Baltimore region's homeland security efforts. The funds were reallocated to Howard County just 30 days before the end of the performance period of the grant. The funds were allocated to Howard County for two reasons: 1) Howard County has a reputation of being able to spend grant funds effectively and efficiently; and 2) purchasing six at once made us eligible for a reduced per unit price as per GSA pricing schedules.

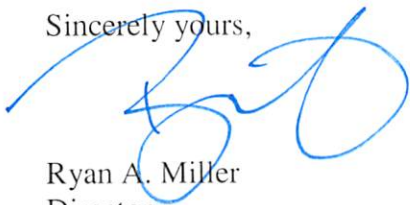
The funds were approved for spending by Howard County with the understanding that two (2) units would stay with Howard County, two (2) would stay with BPD, and two (2) would be stored at BPD but readily available to other jurisdictions in the region. One-hundred percent (100%) of these funds were in addition to the original grants funding Howard County received from the UASI. Additionally, because of Howard County's purchasing ability, we have received

over \$300,000 in additional Homeland Security grant funding over the last two (2) years, not including these MVT funds.

The BPD has an existing MVT Program that these trailers will seamlessly fit into, and as they are regional assets, they will be available to Howard County if they are required to increase situational awareness. These trailers allow public safety officials to have streaming video of locations that are not currently covered by existing camera systems, which can be helpful for events in the region (e.g., Star Spangled Spectacular, concerts at Merriweather Post, 4<sup>th</sup> of July events, or Parades). Additionally, the trailers can be used to monitor emerging situations such as flooding events, civil unrest, or scene security/documentation.

In addition to the reasons stated above, this testimony for the transfer of these four (4) MVTs is being provided to continue our support of the UASI and our regional partners in our joint mission of ensuring public safety in the face of manmade and natural disasters, and events.

Sincerely yours,



Ryan A. Miller  
Director  
Office of Emergency Management