

## POTENTIAL ITEMS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE 2017 MARYLAND

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### City of Annapolis Council Work Session

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#### Fire & OEM

1. The Programs below will be impacted by the 46% overall reduction in Baltimore Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding. The programs addressed could substantially affect the operations of Fire, Police, Emergency Management, and Public Works. In order to continue these programs at current funding levels, City support will be critical.

- CodeRED Community Notification System. Annapolis uses the CodeRED Community Notification System to quickly send emergency messages to the public via phone, e-mail and text. Police, Fire, Emergency Management, Public Works, and Finance/MIT use this system to provide public notifications. In order to sustain this service, Annapolis should work jointly with Anne Arundel County to raise approximately **\$55,000** to provide full funding. Citizens have come to embrace and depend on these important and timely messages.
- Mobile Command Vehicle. The City of Annapolis Mobile Command Unit activates for every major incident and special event in Annapolis as a coordination point for first responders to use for command and communications purposes. The Mobile Command needs approximately **\$10,000** to sustain current funding levels.
- Sheltering. This program provides meals and shelter at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center to those displaced by natural disasters. The sheltering program needs about **\$2,000** to sustain current funding levels.
- HazMat. The Hazardous Materials Team (HazMat) is specially trained to investigate and contain the exposure of potentially dangerous chemicals or other materials that could pose a health risk to members of the Annapolis community. The HazMat team needs about **\$7,200** to sustain current funding levels.
- Bomb Squad. The Fire and Explosives Special Unit (i.e., Bomb Squad) neutralizes potentially dangerous devices and uses canines, technology and other means to provide for the safety of large numbers of attendees at significant Annapolis events. The Bomb Squad investigates suspicious packages and protects City, County, and State legislative buildings and infrastructure. The Bomb Squad needs about **\$25,000** to sustain current funding levels.

2. The Annapolis Fire Department provides the following services because we are the State Capital.

- HazMat Team - cost includes personnel and equipment to staff and provide Hazardous Materials response capabilities **\$296,272.25**.
- Fire Explosive Services Unit (Bomb Squad) - cost includes personnel and equipment to staff and provide Fire and explosive services for the state capital **\$449,488.18**.
- Overtime associated with Civil Protests, Governor's Inauguration, Presidential/Dignitary visits and Lawyer's mall/State House protests - average **\$20,000** per year in Overtime/Labor.
- Staffing of 1 Ladder Truck - AFD staffs two ladder trucks, one of which is due to downtown multiple story state office buildings. Costs include personnel and equipment. **\$1,535,024.80**.

Total estimate for these services is **\$2,300,785.20** for a year.

### **Planning & Zoning**

Transportation related items:

- U.S. 50 - funding needed to complete design of the John Hanson Highway(US 50) segment from east of Rowe Blvd. to Governor Ritchie Highway (MD 2) to provide relief for daily reoccurring congestion.
- Annapolis/Parole Intermodal Center - transit facility to serve as a hub to the Baltimore and Washington D.C. areas.
- West Street (MD 450) - Requesting planning, design and construction funds to reduce congestion, improve pedestrian and bicycle compatibility and enhance a major gateway to the State Capital between MD 2 and Admiral Drive.

Legislative Items:

- Dedicate a percentage of the transfer tax on real property toward Historic Preservation.
- To create a Business Improvement District need State legislation to lower the threshold of ownership concurrence.
- Border clean-up legislation.

#### Capital Funds:

- Funding for the rehabilitation of Newtowne 20 and Morris Blum developments.

#### **Police**

State legislation enabling Annapolis to legislate motor vehicles/motorbike laws. (This addresses the rising number of complaints of illegal riding of motorbikes in Annapolis. Will also safely allow us to seize motorbikes and create fines for failing to secure motorbikes which are frequently stolen.