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Sheridan County Receives Hazardous Materials Training Equipment.

Bruce Edwards, Sheridan County Emergency Management Coordinator, announced Friday, that the County, as part of a U. S. Department of Transportation Grant administered by the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security, has received specialized hazardous materials training equipment. The specialized equipment purchase is part of a competitive 3-year grant award that Sheridan County initially received in 2016.

This grant award totals approximately \$58,000 and provides funding to acquire equipment and subsidize costs associated with sending Sheridan Fire-Rescue personnel to specialized 2-week hazardous materials training seminars in Colorado. Those personnel, will return and furnish cross-training for the county fire districts. The funding creates opportunities for volunteer personnel, who otherwise could not leave their business or place of employment for that length of time, to receive specialized training. It also reduces the logistics hassle and costs associated with driving to a Regional Emergency Response Team cache to borrow specialized training props.

“The Wyoming Office of Homeland Security allowed us to amend our first year’s grant award budget to purchase specialized hazardous materials training equipment, consisting of: a Chlorine Training cylinder which simulates leakage, and hazardous material suits which can be used for real “hazmat” situations, in addition to training. The costs of this equipment, alone, totaled approximately \$11,205, and was 100% covered by grant funds. Going forward in year 2 of the grant project, we anticipate scheduling personnel to attend one of several specialized training courses in Colorado.

I am appreciative to the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security, especially Rick Lopez, for their assistance and flexibility with our grant award; and I would like to recognize Terry Lenhart for his agency's collaboration on this project. I would also like to thank the Sheridan County Commissioners. Without their support this initiative would not have been possible," Edwards said.

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