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Dodge County Board of Supervisors

435 North Park Avenue

Fremont, NE 68025

Board Members

With no drownings to report this past year in Dodge County we continued to respond to the rivers and lakes in need of our assistance throughout the year. These types of rescues and or recoveries require many man hours and also require a great demand and need for our equipment. This shows that there is a need for proper training and equipment not only in static water conditions but also for swift water rescue events. In the past year with our budgeted amount we were fortunate enough to keep our equipment in great condition, send specific members to training, and purchase a new under water communications system for our scuba diving tasks.

Our water rescue team continues to receive great support from the City of Fremont. They provided the wages and overtime costs for the divers in the event of a search or recovery operation. They also allow us to perform training while on duty. The City of Fremont also allows us to use two of their apparatus to hold and transport our equipment including the boat/trailer. They also provide us with a vehicle to travel to trainings when needed. This allows us to maintain a professionally trained team ready to respond to any water rescue needs in Dodge County and surrounding areas. We would also like to thank Victory Marine in Fremont for there continued support of our team. They provide us with a motor for our boat and free maintenance on that. We will have to start looking at budgeting for a new boat option in the near future.

We currently have 12 Divers within the Fremont Fire Department and one at this time with the Sheriffs Department. It is a continued effort to recruit more members and to get them certified as quickly as possible.

The Water Rescue Team is requesting the amount of \$5,000 for the 2020-2021 budget year. This budget money like every year will be used to train new members, continue to train current members, maintenance of equipment and replacement of some aging equipment if needed. Trainings are most valuable to the team because those members with certifications are able to come back and teach others the changing in techniques or new ideas to execute during our rescue and search operations. Equipment will also need to be sent off to be tested and inspected for recertification.

We all thank you for your continued support and assistance of the Dodge County Water Rescue Team. Your consideration of this request would be greatly appreciated. If you need any further information or have any questions feel free to contact me.

Sincerely

Darek Schuller

Secretary

DODGE COUNTY WATER RESCUE TEAM

2020/2021 BUDGET REQUEST

\$5,000 BUDGET

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Starting Balance		\$5,000.00
Swift Water/Scuba training x 2	\$900.00	\$4,100.00
Student expenses for gas, food, and hotel	\$1,500.00	\$2,600.00
Mileage to repair/service equipment	\$200.00	\$2,400.00
Equipment repair & Maintenances	\$2,000.00	\$400.00
Equipment replacement	\$400.00	\$0.00
Ending Balance June 2021		\$0.00