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#### Board Members

With zero drownings 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 good working order, get all the inspections done as necessary which takes place yearly on certain equipment. We also were able to send members to Ainsworth, NE of some specialized training in swift waters. This was a great thing to accomplish this year after the pandemic issues.

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 as a team have been on the search for a new rescue boat that can suit our needs for operations.

We currently have 12 Divers within the Fremont Fire Department. It is a continued effort to recruit more members and to get them certified as quickly as possible. This past year has been difficult getting the hands-on training like we used to. A lot of education had to be done virtually.

The Water Rescue Team is requesting the amount of \$5,000 for the 2021-2022 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 and new equipment as technology is always changing. 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

DODGE COUNTY WATER RESCUE TEAM

2021/2022 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 2022		\$0.00