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Public Works and Highways Committee
Legislative Office Building
33 North State Street
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Committee Members,

My name is John Scippa and I am the Director of NH Police Standards and Training presenting two Capital Improvement Project Requests titled “AC Replacements” and “Range Ventilation and Filtration Upgrade/Replacement”. In this request, we are asking for authorization to spend up to \$190,000 to be paid for by the General Fund to replace eight AC units installed in 1983; and \$400,000 from the General Fund for range ventilation and filtration upgrade/replacement.

NH Police Standards and Training is an independent executive branch agency governed by the Police Standards and Training Council established under RSA 106-L. The 14 member Council sets the hiring and educational standards for all the police, state corrections, and probation-parole officers in New Hampshire. As of June 15, 2020, there are 3,118 full-time police, 1,151 part-time police, 428 corrections and 78 probation/parole certifications in the state.

The Council historically conducts 3 sixteen-week full-time police academies, 2 fourteen week part –time police academies and 3 nine-week corrections academies each year. The Council also provides training for in-service officers. In FY 2019, the Council offered 55 different in-service training courses and 12 online classes.

These services are provided with 21 full-time and 5 part-time employees, which include Law Enforcement Training Specialists, clerical staff and building

maintenance employees. Our staff is assisted by adjunct instructors, most of whom are unpaid volunteers and a small number of contracted instructors. We operate a 77,000 square foot training facility located on 20.87 acres of grounds across from NHTI – Concord’s Community College in Concord.

AC Replacements

The “AC Replacements” Request is to replace eight AC units installed in 1983, which encompass several training areas to include the Virtra Simulator Lab, Computer Lab, training classrooms and offices. The replacement of these units with modern efficient units will greatly reduce energy consumption, reduce system maintenance costs and moves the agency towards the goals for reduction of fossil fuel and cost reductions set forth in Executive Order Number 2016-03. This project will decrease the State's utility consumption.

Firearms Range Ventilation and Filtration Upgrade/Replacement

The “Firearms Range Ventilation and Filtration Upgrade/Replacement” is for the indoor range which was installed in 1992. Our firearms range is used to train all full-time, part-time and state corrections academy recruits along with several in-service firearms course and re-certifications annually. After 28 years of continuous usage, the range ventilation/filtration system is showing signs of fatigue and the filter frames are warping and sagging. The ventilation system must work at peak effectiveness as it is a life/safety device that removes dangerous and toxic particles from the air during firearms training with live ammunition. Further, the range ductwork located at the back of the range which culminates on the tactical center roof is weather-damaged and is causing leaking to occur and damage to the ductwork insulation. It is unknown what the extent of the suspected deterioration of the fan motors are. With the upgrade to a more energy efficient ventilation and filtration system and possible re-vamp of the Variable Frequency Drive Controls, it will insure that this life/safety device is running at peak efficiency and help with the agency goal of reduction of fossil fuel

and cost reductions set forth in the Executive Order Number 2016-03. This project will decrease the State's utility consumption.

Thank you for your consideration of these projects.