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TO: DEBRA WILLIAMS, GILA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

FROM: AJ HOWELL BATTALION CHIEF, TRI-CITY FIRE DISTRICT

RE: HAZMAT EQUIPMENT

DURING 2011 AREA AGENCIES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD MIAMI OPERATIONS, BEGAN DEVELOPMENT OF A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE TEAM. MEMBERS FROM CANYON, GLOBE, AND TRI-CITY, ALONG WITH THE ERT FROM FMI – MIAMI, HAVE TRAINED ON AND EXERCISED ON THE RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE AVAILABLE THROUGH THESE AGENCIES.

EARLIER THIS YEAR WE WERE ABLE TO SECURE A FORMER HAZMAT UNIT FROM THE CITY OF CASA GRANDE, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF FMI AND TRI-CITY THE UNIT IS READY FOR SERVICE. NEXT STEP IS TO COMPLETE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE PROGRAM AND TO FINISH EQUIPPING THE PERSONNEL FOR RESPONSE.

THEREFORE, THIS IS A REQUEST FOR THE ATTACHED LIST OF EQUIPMENT TOTALING \$2,600. THIS WOULD EQUIP FOUR PERSONNEL FOR LEVEL "B" ENTRY AND PROVIDE FOR FOUR BACK-UP PERSONNEL.

THIS WOULD ALLOW US THE CAPABILITY OF HANDLING APPROXIMATELY 75% OF THE CHEMICALS THAT WE WOULD ENCOUNTER IN OUR AREA, INCLUDING THE SURROUNDING MINING OPERATIONS. WITH EQUIPMENT OF THIS TYPE, OUR PERSONNEL COULD SAFELY PROVIDE RESCUE, EVACUATION, ISOLATION, AND IDENTIFICATIONS OF ELEMENTS INVOLVED UNTIL ADDITIONAL RESOURCES COULD ARRIVE.

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF OUR REQUEST AND IF I CAN BE OF ANY FURTHER ASSISTANCE, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME AT 928-812-2991.

AJ HOWELL, BATTALION CHIEF
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