



# Tri-City Fire District

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To: Debra Williams, Gila County Emergency Services

From: AJ Howell Battalion Chief, Tri-City Fire District

Re: HAZMAT Equipment

In 2012, a request was made for initial funding for equipping an entry level team with level "B" protection. As we continue to develop this team, it becomes obvious that there is a greater need for our county.

As we train for the hazards that travel our rural Arizona highways and work in our mining communities, we have identified a few factors in our next request. First is our rural location, being 60 miles from Apache Junction and 80 miles from Show Low being our closest Haz-Mat teams. This means that our responders need to be self sufficient for 1-2 hours. Next would be our weather, if it's 110 or snowing our situation would require more responders to be capable of suiting up to complete the task. Our final thought is the older mining community that we call home, and the many unknown hazards that have yet to be discovered.

From operations to decontamination to treatment, we feel that it will require us to have the capabilities of full level "B" suiting and in some cases level "A" operations.

Therefore, as a representative of Tri-City Fire District and in co-operations with Globe Fire and Canyon Fire, we respectfully request funding for any or the entire attached list of equipment totaling \$17,089.84 (tax and shipping would be covered by TCFD). This would equip our team to level "B" entry and begin to equip us for level "A" operations. This would allow us the capability of handling approximately 90% 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 and allow us to maintain public safety until the situation could be resolved.

We currently have refresher training planned for fall of 2013 and hopes for an additional tech class to augment our areas capabilities.

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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