

NARRATIVE SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DETAILS

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING NARRATIVE AS A WORD DOCUMENT FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY.

•Organization and Points of Contact Information:

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•Planning and Training Needs Assessment

Host agency Blount County Fire Protection District (Blount County Fire Department) is requesting a simulator for practicing extrications in hazmat transportation wrecks.

Describe the current capacity and any areas of deficiency concerning preparedness for transporting hazardous materials. This may include:

1)A discussion of whether the applicant has identified a need to assess transportation flow patterns of hazardous materials within the State or between the State and another state. We have not identified a need to assess transportation flow patterns of hazardous materials within the state or another state, but Blount County Fire Department regularly monitors hazmat transports – particularly propane tankers – on our major thoroughfares, particularly U.S. 411, Pellissippi Parkway (Interstate I-140) and U.S. Highway 321 (Lamar Alexander Parkway). In addition, no commercial tractor-trailers or propane tankers are allowed on the stretch of U.S. 129 going into North Carolina. This section is referred to “The Tail of the Dragon” because of its more than 300 curves in 11 miles between Robbinsville, N.C. and Tallassee, Tennessee.

2)Providing the number of hazmat preparedness plans that need updating. We are currently updating our Basic Emergency Operations Plan along with the supplemental annex hazardous materials release plan.

3)Describing the location and need for exercises to be conducted that involve preparation for response to incidents involved in the transportation of hazardous materials. We plan to use the Blount County Sheriff’s Office Training Academy, 1431 William Blount Drive, Maryville, TN 37801

4)Provide the number of responders needing training and the number of persons currently trained in the different disciplines of response functions (e.g., the number of firefighters, EMTs, and EMSs that need training). Provide a scalable request for two participants up to the total number preferred and include justification for why sending additional participants will benefit the program. We plan to see about 70 persons from a variety of departments who will be participating in these annual tabletop and full-scale hazmat transportation exercises. There is no formal training with an instructor.

5)Narrative Description, Justification, Scope, Purpose, Duration of Planning or Training Activity

•Project / Activity Dates and Times: The tabletop exercise will be from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursday, September 10th, 2026 and the full-scale exercise will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 17th, 2026.

•Scope of Work Narrative, Budget, and Budget Narrative for each activity

The scenario is as follows: A disgruntled parent upset that a teacher at a William Blount Middle School wasn’t punished for allegedly touching his child inappropriately, voices on social media his intention to drive through the school entrance with a propane tanker. Real Time Operations Center staff use surveillance cameras at intersections to alert law enforcement of the vehicle heading at high speed off West Lamar Alexander Parkway turning onto William Blount Drive where deputies block his path before he fires on them as he veers right into the Newell Rubbermaid parking area, drives left around the loading bay before careening into the large propane tank, breaching both the tanker and the stationary tank. Employees just inside the building and outside are overcome with fumes and have to be processed and rushed to an area hospital.

This scenario would test fire, hazmat, law enforcement, AMR and Newell Rubbermaid management.

Budget:

- List of supplies or equipment with cost associated with each

Example Activity Narrative

2024 Grant Year – 2024 IHMC Hopedale HMEP Grant Narrative

Submitting agency: