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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EMERGENCY PURCHASE

This notice states that the Washington State Patrol created an Emergency Purchase for water damage at the Fire Training Academy.

The Fire Training Academy experienced extreme inclement weather including over 6-8 inches of snowfall, freezing rain, temperatures below 10 degrees, and high winds. Our staff could keep up with snow removal for most of the week. On Wednesday, January 17, freezing rain with high winds caused ice accumulation we could not keep up with. This ultimately put the site in a state of emergency with staff needing to evacuate offsite. Returning the next day there was over eight (8) buildings with compromised water or fire suppression lines. All water supply to our 51-acre campus had to be shut down until repairs could take place. This led to the cancelation of training on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday while damages were addressed.

If immediate action of replacing broken water lines, sewer lines, and water remediation was not taken the Fire Training Academy would not have been able to operate promptly, and training for Firefighters would have been canceled or rescheduled. Resulting in delays in fire services receiving certified and trained individuals in their communities preventing the loss of life or fire-related damages. By addressing the known issues, additional water leaks and damages caused by the recent inclement weather were discovered, preventing further significant damage and costly repairs. Thus, preventing potential longer-term effects from moisture trapped in walls or under buildings creating harmful mold. Lastly, the staff of the Fire Training Academy would not have had running water and been made to walk in ice- and snow-covered conditions for the use of porta potties in our lower campus.

Immediate water remediation was required due to a second-story leak causing damage to various rooms on the second and first floors. SERVPRO was onsite within a few hours of staff witnessing the damages. The vendor was able to remove water-damaged materials, dispose of them safely, and start the drying process to mitigate the damage to the facility and supplies/equipment in the affected rooms. In addition, SERVPRO has been able to use their



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specialized equipment to detach moisture around the affected spaces to be able to properly remove the materials that could grow mold if left untreated. The current maintenance and repair vendors under contract with our facility were not able to provide the immediate water remediation required with specialized equipment to successfully address this issue.

SERVPRO is a well-known industry leader in cleaning and restoration services. They started as a small business over 50 years ago and were family-owned for much of their history. SERVPRO uses EPA-registered products for contaminants, reducing risks to staff and customers. They are a one-stop shop for the detection of containments/moisture, safe removal of materials, and reconstruction. Washington State Patrol has used their expertise on various clean-up restoration projects and SERVPRO has always provided outstanding service and professionalism. SERVPRO has won competitive bids in the past with the Washington State Patrol related to similar work. In addition, they were able to be onsite within a few hours following the discovery of the damages reducing overall costs and repairs. If an emergency contract was not attained, the lengthy bidding process would have delayed the start of work creating more costs and long-term harmful problems, and extensive damages.

Sincerely,



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