

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-137

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM THE CITY OF VINELAND CITY COUNCIL FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW MOBILE COMMAND VEHICLE.

WHEREAS, the City of Vineland is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of its 61,459 residents while supporting emergency response efforts throughout Cumberland County; and

WHEREAS, the City's existing mobile command vehicle, now 35 years old, has become obsolete and increasingly costly to maintain, hindering the City's ability to respond effectively to emergencies; and

WHEREAS, a modern mobile command center is essential for coordinating activities during various scenarios, including mass-casualty events, large public gatherings, and potential future public health crises; and

WHEREAS, the a mobile command vehicle may be equipped with advanced communication and coordination tools, including workstations, radios, and real-time information sharing capabilities, significantly enhancing the City's emergency response infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, a new vehicle will serve not only Vineland's residents but also the broader Cumberland County population of 152,915, as it is frequently called upon to support regional events and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the mobile command center can be rapidly deployed to incident sites, improving response times and coordination among first responders, law enforcement, and other agencies; and

WHEREAS, this investment contributes to equity in the community by ensuring all residents, regardless of location or socioeconomic status, have access to timely and effective emergency services, particularly in underserved areas during crises such as vaccine distribution during pandemics; and

WHEREAS, the versatility of the vehicle allows it to adapt to various scenarios, from natural disasters to large-scale events, maximizing its utility and return on investment for taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Vineland, New Jersey, that:

1. The City Council hereby expresses its strong support for the purchase of a new mobile command vehicle for the City of Vineland.
2. The City Council recognizes this project as a critical investment in public safety and emergency response capabilities for Vineland and the surrounding region.
3. The City Council respectfully requests that Senator Cory Booker, Senator Andy Kim, and Congressman Jeff Van Drew consider this project for Congressionally Directed Spending and Community Project Funding, acknowledging its significant impact on public safety and emergency preparedness in our community.
4. A copy of this certified resolution is to be forwarded to Senator Cory Booker, Senator Andy Kim, and Congressman Jeff Van Drew as an expression of the City Council's support for this vital public safety initiative.

Adopted: March 25, 2025

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President of Council pfs

ATTEST:

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City Clerk rgf