



## City of Marshall

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Dear City Manager and Commissioners:

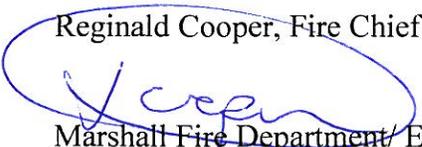
With the responsibilities of Emergency Management, the Marshall Fire Department respectfully requests the approval of immediate expenditures in the amount of \$15,500.00 for the completion of our Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The EOC is the center of operations during major catastrophes for technical, manmade or natural disasters. We have outlined three critical areas of concern including **communication**, **technology**, and **media** which must be addressed and be made fail safe during our city's time of need.

Since the construction of the new fire and police complexes, the EOC, located at the police station has never been completed. With the relocation of the Police Department and 911 emergency communications center, the space was made available for the effective operations of our EOC, yet many needs were not addressed concerning worse case scenarios. We must meet the needs as outlined below.

- **Communications:** Communication is vital with our first responders in the field and with outside and joint agencies. We must have the ability to provide beyond everyday operations such as other bands of communications in order to monitor situations without delay.
- **Technology:** This is a key component to our EOC which would require fiber networking to avoid vulnerability during storm damage. Having a need for redundancy means connectivity is a priority.
- **Media:** During an EOC activation, monitoring weather and news becomes imperative. With cable TV being the first media outlet to fail during a storm, a reliable television source for weather and news information allows us to monitor and access situations in order to make critical decisions.

To complete the much needed functional parts of the EOC will cost an estimated \$15,500.00. In addition to the startup costs, several of the items listed will require monthly services which will cause needed adjustments in our Emergency Management line items for next year's budget.

Reginald Cooper, Fire Chief



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