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May 25, 2023

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

### REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Safety, Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services, to **Retroactively** pay an invoice in the amount of \$13,629.12 to Bill Matney Rescue Training (VC #228914-B001), for the purchase of swift water training equipment. The payment will be processed upon Governor and Council approval. 100% Agency Income.

Funds are available in the SFY 2023 operating budget.

02-23-23-237010-46520000 - Dept. of Safety - Fire Standards Instruction	<u>SFY 2023</u>
020-500200 Supplies (Consumable)	\$355.00
030-500311 Equipment - General (New)	<u>\$13,274.12</u>
Total	\$13,629.12

### EXPLANATION

This request is **retroactive** due to the acceptance and use of equipment without the proper authorization from the Department of Administrative Services, Bureau of Purchase and Property. During the fall of 2022, the Division extended a bid for the purchase of swift water training equipment. At the completion of the bid, the above vendor was not awarded the purchase. A few months after the bid a staff member was in contact with the above vendor and was under the impression Bill Matney Rescue Training received the order from the State. The equipment was arranged to be shipped due to an upcoming training program that was scheduled during which the equipment would be utilized. Early this year the vendor reached out to the Division inquiring about the status of the payment of the outstanding invoice, at which time it was identified that the purchased was unauthorized and the equipment had already been placed in service and used during a training program.

The Division has been communicating with the vendor about the possible return of the equipment but due to the timeframe of when the equipment was shipped and the fact the equipment was already used, the vendor has refused to accept the return of the equipment. An internal Division review of the facts of these circumstances has taken place to identify how this error occurred and appropriate actions have been taken to ensure unauthorized purchases do not occur in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Quinn  
Commissioner of Safety

**MATNEY ENTERPRISES INC.**

**Invoice**

BILL MATNEY RESCUE TRAINING  
 246 LOCUST GROVE ROAD  
 GREENSBURG, KY 42743

Phon... 270-932-4097 matney@windstream.net  
 Fax # 270-932-6136 billmatneyrescuetraining.com

Order Date	Invoice Date	Invoice #
	10/10/2022	5124

**Bill To**

**Ship To**

FIRE ACADEMY  
 SAFETY BUSINESS OFFICE  
 33 HAZEN DRIVE  
 CONCORD, NH 03305

P.O. No.	Terms	Due Date
5124		10/10/2022

Item	Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
75011.01	Carlisle Standard Paddle 60" RED/YELLOW	6	30.00	180.00
80098.01	NRS 5" Barrel Pump	1	175.00	175.00
22529.04	2022 NRS Extreme SAR Drysuit RED 3-S 3-L 1-XL	7	700.00	4,900.00
22550.01	NRS Men's Axiom GORE-TEX Pro Dry Suit CHARTREUSE 2-L 2-XL	4	900.00	3,600.00
86090.01	NRS ASR 155 Rescue Boat	1	2,200.00	2,200.00
86092.01	NRS R120 Rescue Raft	1	2,250.00	2,250.00
SHIPPING	SHIPPING	1	324.12	324.12
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$13,629.12</b>