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To: Matthew Sullivan, Fire Chief-Town of Chapel Hill

From: Matt Lawrence, Deputy Fire Chief-City of Burlington

Re: Surplus Resource Transfer Request-Foam Unit

Date: August 28, 2019

As recently discussed, the Burlington Fire Department has a significant need for specialized equipment to provide the application of fire suppression foam for incidents that may occur within our jurisdiction. Within a community risk analysis, we have identified significant risks within our transportation network; interstate highway, air transportation and airport, and railway; which create some significant potential for emergencies where the application of fire suppression foam could be required in quantities greater than we are currently able to provide with traditional firefighting equipment.

It has come to my attention that your department is considering the surplus of a trailer mounted foam system, which from my knowledge of this system would be a good resource and solution to some of the community risks that we are facing.

I am writing to ask the potential of some inter-local agreement to transfer this equipment to our agency if it becomes your intent to surplus it.

I'd be happy to talk more about our need, this request, or any potential for supporting this request at your convenience. Both municipalities have enjoyed and benefited from a relationship of support in the past and we hope this can be yet another example of that.

Please let me know if you have any questions.