

Introduced by:	Mayor
Date:	11/18/03
Hearing:	12/16/03
Action:	Enacted
Vote:	9 Yes, 0 No

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2003-19-27**

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A GRANT FROM THE
ALASKA DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$206,485 FOR
EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDER EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING EXERCISES**

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough experiences natural disasters on a frequent basis, including two within the past year that resulted in Presidential declarations; and

WHEREAS, the unique geography and climate of the Peninsula, combined with a widely dispersed population, makes communications during these disasters difficult for responders using their current equipment; and

WHEREAS, as a result of recent terrorist events, communities have become aware of the need to be able to respond to mass casualties; and

WHEREAS, our local hospitals do not have the ability to decontaminate large numbers of patients in the event of a mass casualty incident; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Division of Homeland Security (“ADHS”) has funding available under its State Homeland Security Grant Program for the purchase of advanced types of equipment and for training exercises that will enhance homeland security and a community’s response to terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, the program encouraged applications for equipment that will serve the dual purposes of enhancing the ability to respond to terrorist attacks as well as the ability to respond to other man-made or natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Office of Emergency Management worked with borough, local and state response agencies to prepare and submit a borough-wide proposal for \$5.7 million to construct a radio communications system that would provide radio coverage for most of the populated areas in the borough, upgrade dispatch center radio consoles, and purchase mobile chemical decontamination shelters for borough hospitals; and

WHEREAS, notification was received from ADHS of a grant award to the borough in the amount of \$206,485 for the purchase of interoperable communications equipment (portable and digital mobile radios), decontamination equipment, and training exercises; and

WHEREAS, additional grant awards were made to the cities of Homer, Kenai, Seward, and Soldotna that will upgrade communications equipment in those cities; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the borough to provide the best equipment possible for its emergency response personnel and to coordinate the purchase of this equipment with other emergency response agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the mayor is authorized to accept a grant from the Alaska Division of Homeland Security in the amount of \$206,485 for the purchase of interoperable communications equipment, decontamination equipment and for training exercises, and is authorized to execute a grant agreement and any other documents deemed necessary to accept the grant.

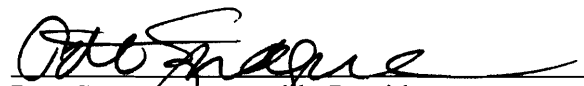
SECTION 2. That grant funds in the amount of \$206,485 are appropriated to the following accounts as follows:

\$137,559 for radio equipment – Account No. 271.11250.4HMLS.48740
\$48,926 for decontamination equipment – Account No. 271.11250.4HMLS.48515
\$20,000 for training – Account No. 271.11250.4HMLS.43260

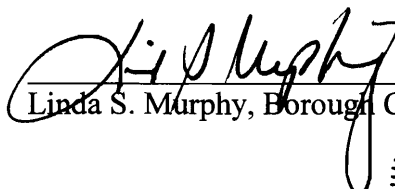
SECTION 3. That due to the length and nature of this project, the appropriations established through this ordinance shall not lapse at the end of any particular fiscal year.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon enactment.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 16TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2003.


Pete Sprague, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

