



County of Milwaukee  
**Office of the Sheriff**

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David A. Clarke, Jr.  
*Sheriff*

**DATE:** April 20, 2012

**TO:** Michael Mayo, Sr.  
Chairman, Transportation, Public Works and Transit Committee  
Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Tobie Weberg, Deputy Inspector, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office

**SUBJECT:** **File No. 12-53 & 12-61 – From the Acting Director, Department of Transportation, and the Airport Director, requesting authorization to enter into a lease agreement with the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department for building and parking space at the Milwaukee County's MKE Regional Business Park (the former 440<sup>th</sup> Air Force Reserve Station). (02/02/12: Report referred back to Committee by the Board recommending adoption.)**

At its meeting on February 29, 2012, a request was made of the Office of the Sheriff by Supervisor Weishan that the Office of the Sheriff provide a report regarding where this equipment is currently located and what it costs to secure that equipment at that location. Additionally, a request was made of the Office of the Sheriff by Supervisor Dimitrijevic regarding where the money is coming from and specifically, where it was in the Sheriff's 2012 Budget.

The purpose of the Sheriff's Office seeking to lease this building space at the MKE Regional Business Park (former 440<sup>th</sup> Air Force Reserve Station) is effectiveness and efficiency as it relates to storage, maintenance and most importantly mobilization and response times for the citizens of Milwaukee County and customers outside of Milwaukee County.

This space will be used to consolidate Sheriff's Office equipment into one secure location that will be organized to facilitate faster mobilization. The Sheriff's Office will have the following services located at this property:

**Explosive Ordnance Disposal**

The Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit has an extensive roster of equipment to include a large trailer, two response vehicles and an explosive disposal vessel. This equipment is stored at a hanger at Timmerman Field. This location is not an optimal one for response.

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### **SWAT Team**

The SWAT Team has an extensive roster of equipment including multiple vehicles, two armored rescue vehicles and equipment trailer. This equipment is spread out throughout CAMD that is not an optimal location. Additional equipment is kept in storage rooms in the Safety Building. This location is not optimal and slows down mobilization, particularly during a critical incident.

### **Mounted Unit**

There is currently no valid location for this equipment, which includes a tow vehicle and large horse trailer. This equipment is stored outdoors at CAMD and is susceptible to damage/theft.

### **Honor Guard**

The honor guard equipment, such as flags, ceremony rifles, etc is located in rooms currently in the Safety Building.

### **EOD K9 Unit**

The EOD K9 Unit is using office space in the Airport Division area at GMIA. This space is limited and providing them office space within the 440<sup>th</sup> building would allow them to remain on the airport grounds and free up Airport Division space that is needed without needing to expand.

### **Dive/Rescue Unit**

This equipment is stored inside a response vehicle, which is kept at CAMD.

### **Community Relations Vehicles**

The vehicles are in high demand within the community and are currently stored in the CJF sally port. This space could be freed up to provide additional parking for law enforcement bringing in arrests and/or DPW for storage of equipment such as plow trucks or other snow removal equipment, etc.

### **Boat Patrol**

The Boat Patrol consists of the Sheriff's boat and all equipment is kept onboard. During the boating season it is stored at a slip at the McKinley Marina. Off-season storage consists of a hanger at Timmerman Field.

### **Emergency Management Response Equipment**

Emergency management equipment is located at CAMD and a designated location in Wauwatosa. This is an outdoor site and supplies needed are sensitive to weather. Therefore, equipment must be ordered at the last minute and stored in other location and load before response so we don't risk having equipment stolen. This system is not optimal and having it stored in a secure building would allow EM to have equipment readily on hand and loaded for immediate response. Part of their equipment also includes a Mobile Command post for large-scale emergencies, which is located in CAMD. The key to emergency response preparedness is to have all of the equipment centrally located accessible to freeway system and in secured in environmentally controlled building. The 2010 flood and other nature disasters throughout the country demonstrate the need to have supplies on hand in advance and ready for immediate deployment to best serve the public.

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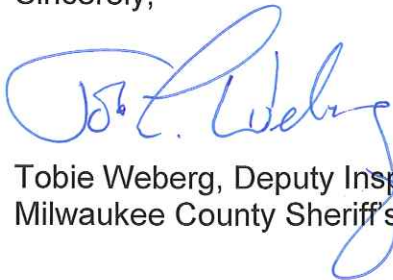
### **Costs**

The lease agreement has an annual cost of \$34,542. The cross charges associated with storage at CAMD currently for these units total \$7,278.00. Additionally, Emergency Management has the ability to obtain Federal monies totaling up to \$37,596 annually or \$3,133 per month in funding for storage for the COAD trailer and Mobile Command Post. This represents a savings of \$3,054.

### **Summary**

The building on at MKE Regional Business Park provides a centralized space for the consolidation of all of these Sheriff's Office Units/Services. This location provides a higher level of security that is manned by private security 24 hours per day as well as being within patrol area of the Airport Division of the Sheriff's Office, which will provide an additional layer of security for this equipment. The centralization of this equipment will provide the ability to mobilize these emergency services more quickly as well as being close to freeway infrastructure to provide a much higher level of service for the citizens of Milwaukee County and within our region due to these improved efficiencies. This move will also free up much needed space at CAMD, where equipment storage needs have outgrown CAMD. Relocating this equipment would free up a significant amount of space for other needs. As it relates to where the costs for this lease and where the monies will come from, there will be a potential savings of up to \$3,054 by moving the above units/equipment to the MKE Regional Business Park.

Sincerely,



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