

Crook County Court
300 NE 3rd Street
Prineville, OR 97754

August 12, 2011

Crook County Judge and Commissioners:

Sheriff Jim Hensley and I are requesting Title III funding for the purchase of flat screen monitors in the City Police Department training room. This room is being converted for use as a Unified Command Post and with this infrastructure will be available for any future emergency incident, whether it be solely a County incident, City incident or affecting both jurisdictions.

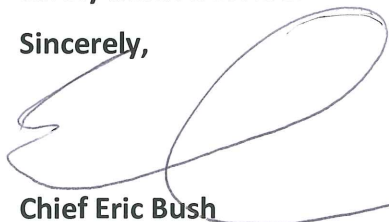
Our most recent Natural Hazard Mitigation update (2010) identified wild land fires as the number one threat to public safety in the County. The danger of a wild land fire that would require a quick and effective mobilization of resources demonstrates the need for an Emergency Operation Center. This type of coordination center would be essential to implement the Incident Command System (ICS). The ICS system could and would almost certainly be implemented in any type of natural or man-made emergency affecting our Community.

The ICS system relies on the ability to form either an Incident Command or Unified Command depending on how many jurisdictions are impacted in an event. In either case an absolutely necessary component of this response is an effective and modern Command Center. It has long been an identified gap that no where in our community, County nor City does such a center exist. With the resources for replacing aging facilities still over the horizon, a temporary solution to bridge the gap is to convert the training room at the Police Department to this Center.

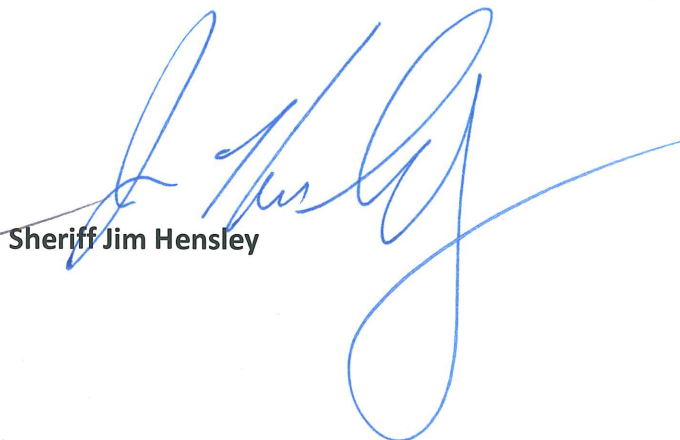
The City has committed to a number of upgrades to the facility costing several thousand dollars. One requirement is three flat screen monitors that would give community leaders the ability to have real-time situational awareness of significant events and allocation of resources across the County. The total cost for this screen package, which includes computer systems to run the associated software is \$8,550.

The local law enforcement leaders in this community respectfully request the Court's support in this matter by authorizing the use of Title III funds to resources this critical piece of public safety infrastructure.

Sincerely,



Chief Eric Bush



Sheriff Jim Hensley