

PRESS RELEASE – TOWN OF LINCOLN

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Re: U.S. Dept of Homeland Security – R.I. Emergency Management Agency Grant

Town Administrator, T. Joseph Almond is pleased to announce that The Town of Lincoln has been awarded a \$102,073.98 grant to provide “Interoperable Communications – 800 MHz Radios” from the Department of Homeland Security through the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency.

In the past two years the Town of Lincoln has received grant funding totaling \$655,653.00 to assist the community in improving Emergency Management, sewer disposal, public drainage and wastewater systems, preservation, housing re-development, and recreation. These funds all provide welcome relief to the local property-tax-payers.

This most recent grant will provide Lincoln’s police, rescue, and fire districts with advanced radio communication technology, allowing our local emergency response personnel to communicate directly with state and federal emergency management services. This technology will allow for enhanced coordination and response to local, state, and national emergencies.

Almond stated, “In the past two years, in addition to this recent communications of grant \$102,073.98 the town has been awarded \$55,300.00 in grant funding for public safety. These grants have provided for police protective vest, purchase of an emergency shelter generator, the creation of a Point of Distribution (POD) emergency plan for distribution of food, water, and supplies, and the establishment of a Medical Emergency Distribution System (MEDS) to dispense medications and/or provide inoculations in the event of an epidemic emergency.

With these essential plans in place the Town of Lincoln was recently selected by the Rhode Island Department of Health to provide an actual demonstration exercise of its

POD and MEDS capabilities as a model for other communities. Almond acknowledged, “The receipt of these much needed grant funds is a credit to our Emergency Management Director, Police Chief, Rescue Director, our district Fire Chiefs, and the men and woman that serve these agencies.”

This most recent communications technology grant will help to advance the proposed regionalization of public safety dispatch centers currently under study by the town of Lincoln and several neighboring communities. Technology advances will soon allow for a single dispatch center to serve several cities and towns, and possibility the entire State of Rhode Island. This is one of many areas in which regionalization can be effective and produce real savings for the taxpayers.

Almond concludes, “Residents who would like to know more about our grants are encouraged to visit our Website at www.lincolnri.org.”

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