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Erie County obtains new vehicle to assist with hazmat incidents

ERIE, PA – The Erie County Department of Public Safety’s hazardous materials team purchased a 2021 LDV/Freightliner Command Bus. The bus arrived on October 22, 2021 and the team expects to have in service soon.

The bus was designed by team members and made to meet specific needs and for operation during a hazmat incident. This vehicle was purchased to replace the 1997 Farber Command Bus, which is going to be repurposed by Erie County Emergency Management.

The cost of the vehicle was \$278,000. This was funded by Tier II fees paid by chemical facilities within Erie County as well as the Hazardous Material Response Fund Grant from Pennsylvania Emergency Management. A portion of the grant was set aside over the past several years to help fund this project. No County General Fund money was used in the purchase price of the unit.

“We are extremely proud to see this project come to fruition,” said Erie County Department of Public Safety Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator, Brian Mesaros. “This unit will be able to fully function at a hazmat incident as well as serve Erie County for many years.”

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