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January 8, 2023

Ms. Bethany DeBussy, Town Manager
Town of Bridgeville
101 N. Main Street
Bridgeville, DE 19933

Re: 2022 Town of Bridgeville Emergency Service Funding

Dear Ms. DeBussy:

In response to your letter dated January 6, 2023 regarding the Town of Bridgeville's \$67,300.00 allocation of grant funds to the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Company (BVFC), please allow me to first thank you on their behalf for such a generous contribution.

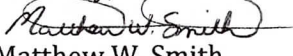
This year our fire company has planned for the purchase of a new ambulance. The new ambulance is a 2022 Ford F-550 Super Duty 4x4 built by Horton Emergency Vehicles. The new ambulance was ordered more than a year ago. Due to supply chain shortages, delivery has been delayed. We now anticipate delivery by early spring. The company is replacing ambulance B-72, which we purchased new in 1994. B-72 has over 163,000 miles it has served us well. The cost to purchase the new ambulance is \$320,000. We plan to use this grant money to help in our purchase of this ambulance.

We also plan to update some equipment that is needed for both are new ambulance, and the second ambulance that we currently have in service. We would like to purchase two new Stryker Power Pro Stretchers. The approximate cost is approaching \$20,000 per stretcher depending on the series that we choose to purchase.

The cost to replace aging equipment continues to increase. The town we serve has continued to grow, and to better protect are town we feel that having new apparatus and equipment will allow us to better prepare for the anticipated growth and needs as they arise.

Again, we thank you for the Town of Bridgeville's contribution and your continued support of our fire company.

Sincerely,


Matthew W. Smith
President, BVFC