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**To:** Personnel and Finance Committee

**From:** Sheriff Calvin Barrett

**Re:** Approval for In-Kind Donation – Fire Suppression Tool

County Ordinance 7.14 (10) states the Personnel and Finance Committee shall have the duty and responsibility to approve acceptance of in-kind donations valued at over \$300. The Sheriff's Office requests approval to accept an in-kind donation of a fire suppression tool, donated to Sheriff Barrett by Commonwealth Lodge # 325 of the Wisconsin Free and Accepted Masons. Masonic Lodges across Wisconsin have donated hundreds of fire suppression tools in 2022 – 2023 to first responders. The fire suppression tool is valued at \$1,100.

Dane County Sheriff's Office Deputies are often required to support firefighting efforts at emergency incidents including road closures, traffic control, crowd control at public events, missing person searches, parade details, salvage, security, and other miscellaneous tasks as requested. The use of fire suppressions tools increases survival rates for citizens of Dane County, first responders, and law enforcement officers.

Thank you for the generous donation from Commonwealth Lodge # 325 of the Wisconsin Free and Accepted Masons for the fire suppression tool.