



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Co-Chair: Brandon Toole, First District

Co-Chair: Kevin Caneco, Twelfth District

September 9, 2025

3:00 PM

VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING** &
LOUIS L. REDDING CITY/COUNTY BUILDING
1ST FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 N. FRENCH STREET, WILMINGTON, DE 19801

REVISED AGENDA III

A. Meeting Call to Order

B. Approval of Minutes - July 8, 2025

C. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°25-109: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$115,089.15 IN FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FOR THE PURCHASE AND RECEIPT OF DONATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

D. Presentation by Patrick O'Connell on the Delaware Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program (REPP)

E. Presentation by Director Elmer Setting on Public Safety One meetings

F. Other

G. Public Comment

H. Adjournment

REVISED AGENDA III POSTED: 9-09-2025

REVISED AGENDA II POSTED: 9-03-2025

REVISED AGENDA POSTED: 9-02-2025

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***Revised Agenda III was posted less than (7) seven days in advance of the meeting to correct a clerical error of the minute approval date.

**Revised Agenda II was posted less than (7) seven days in advance of the meeting to correct the title of the presentation under agenda Item D. The title was accidentally posted incorrectly at the time the original agenda was posted.

*The revised agenda was posted (7) seven days in advance of the meeting to include Ordinance 25-109. The agenda is posted (7) seven days in advance of the scheduled meeting in compliance with 29 *Del. C.* Section 10004(e)(2). The meeting may go into Executive Session to address issues that arise at the time of the meeting.

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Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco
Requested by: Public Safety
Date of introduction: August 26, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-109

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE \$115,089.15 IN FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)
FOR THE PURCHASE AND RECEIPT OF DONATED EQUIPMENT FOR
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

1 **WHEREAS**, authorization is being sought for the appropriation of \$115,089.15 in
2 federal funding from the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency
3 Management Agency (FEMA); and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the grant award will be used to properly account for the purchase
6 and receipt of donated equipment and provide for the reimbursement of funds by
7 Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) through the State's Homeland
8 Security Grant Program; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, these funds will provide for ForceMatrix Police Subscription and
11 Public Safety Mobile Surveillance Trailer; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that grants anticipated to be
14 received from the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management
15 Agency (FEMA) are sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter
16 amended; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance
19 substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate
20 government interests (i.e., promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order,
21 prosperity and/or welfare of the present and future inhabitants of this State).
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23 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
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25 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby
26 amended by adding the material on the attached Exhibit "A," which is considered to be
27 underscored in its entirety.
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29 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption
30 by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9
31 *Del. C. § 1156*.
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33 Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this
34 Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to July 1, 2025.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

Monique Williams-Johns
President of County Council
of New Castle County

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$115,089.15 in federal funding from the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to properly account for the purchase and receipt of donated equipment and provide for the reimbursement of funds by Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) through the State's Homeland Security Grant Program.

It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to July 1, 2025.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$115,089.15 in federal funding from the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to the FY22 DHS Homeland Security Program.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$115,089.15. This increase will affect FY2026 since the targeted program completion date is September 30, 2025. If Public Safety decides to keep the ForceMatrix Subscription past the first year, the estimated fiscal impact will be approximately \$68,040 for Year 2 in FY2027, and \$71,442 for Year 3 in FY2028. Public Safety will look for alternative funding sources for FY2027 or the funding will need to be requested in the Annual Operating Budget.

Acknowledgment by the Chief Financial Officer July 30, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Public Safety	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	FY22 DHS Homeland Security Program	Ordinance No.	25-109
PROGRAM TITLE:	FY22 DHS Homeland Security Program		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ 145,140.19	\$ 115,089.15	\$ 260,229.34
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 145,140.19	\$ 115,089.15	\$ 260,229.34

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ 4,537.50	\$ -	\$ 4,537.50
Contractual Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ 140,602.69	\$ 115,089.15	\$ 255,691.84
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 145,140.19	\$ 115,089.15	\$ 260,229.34

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 10/1/2022

Estimated Program Completion: 9/30/2025

The Local Match: **Found in (ORG):**

Ordinance Passed: 25-006 **Date Revised:** 1/14/2025

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

This Ordinance will appropriate a federal grant award to properly account for the purchase and receipt of materials and equipment and provide for the reimbursement of funds by Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) through the State's Homeland Security Grant Program.

1/14/2025

8/26/2025