



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Co-Chair: Brandon Toole, First District

Co-Chair: Kevin Caneco, Twelfth District

May 12, 2026

4:00 PM

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

AGENDA

A. Meeting Call to Order

B. Approval of Minutes - April 14, 2026

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°26-056: (STATUS: TO BE CONSIDERED 5/26/2026) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (PHMSA) THROUGH THE DELAWARE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (DEMA) TO THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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

E. Presentations

Status of the Police Athletic League - County oversight and plans for the future

Current status of Project Seed presentation by Director Elmer Settings and Chief James Leonard III

Speed cameras update

F. Other

G. Public Comment

H. Adjournment

AGENDA POSTED: May 5, 2026

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Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco
Requested by: Public Safety
Date of introduction: May 12, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-056

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION (PHMSA) THROUGH THE DELAWARE EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY (DEMA) TO THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION
OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

1 **WHEREAS**, the New Castle County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has
2 been awarded \$41,544 in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation
3 Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) through the Delaware
4 Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) for the Hazardous Materials Emergency
5 Preparedness Grant; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, funding will be used to increase local effectiveness and efficiency with
8 handling hazardous materials in accidents and incidents through planning and training
9 initiatives; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that grants anticipated to be
12 received from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials
13 Safety Admin (PHMSA) through the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) are
14 sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance substantially
17 advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government interests (i.e.,
18 promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity and/or welfare of the
19 present and future inhabitants of this State).

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21 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**

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23 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby
24 amended by adding the material on the attached Exhibit "A" which is considered to be
25 underscored in its entirety.

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27 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
28 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.*
29 § 1156.

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31 Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance
32 shall be effective retroactive to October 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 \$41,544 in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Safety Administration (PHMSA) through the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) to the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant. Funding will be used to increase local effectiveness and efficiency with handling hazardous materials in accidents and incidents through planning and training initiatives.

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

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$41,544 in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Admin (PHMSA) through the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) to the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$41,544. This increase will affect FY2026 through FY2029 since the targeted program completion date is September 30, 2028. Funding is provided as \$13,848 annually over a three-year period. Year two and three funding amounts are subject to change. There will be no fiscal impact beyond FY2029 as a result of this grant award.

Acknowledged by Chief Financial Officer April 30, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Public Safety	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness	Ordinance No.	26-056
PROGRAM TITLE:	Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ 41,544.00	\$ -	\$ 41,544.00
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 41,544.00	\$ -	\$ 41,544.00

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ 19,044.00	\$ -	\$ 19,044.00
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ 22,500.00	\$ -	\$ 22,500.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 41,544.00	\$ -	\$ 41,544.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	10/1/2025
Estimated Program Completion:	9/30/2028
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant is funded with pass thru funding from the U. S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) through the Delaware Emergency Management Agency. Funding will be used to increase local effectiveness and efficiency with handling hazardous materials in accidents and incidents through planning and training initiatives.

5/12/2026