



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Co-Chair: Brandon Toole, First District

Co-Chair: Kevin Caneco, Twelfth District

July 14, 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 - June 9, 2026

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

R26-152: RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ALL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2026 UPDATE

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

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°26-082: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) TO THE FY2025 EMPG FEDERAL GRANT OPERATIONAL AND PROJECT FUNDING GRANT

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

°26-083: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE CONTRACTED PARAMEDIC DUTY REVOLVING FUND, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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

°26-087: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PASSED THROUGH THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY, OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY TO THE FY27 OHS 250TH ANNIVERSARY MOTORIST AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE

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

E. Presentations

Updated Hazard Mitigation Plan presented by Mr. Chris Hodgden, Coordinator of Emergency Management, Office of Emergency Management, New Castle County Department of Public Safety

F. Other

Recruitment and projected retention of NCC Police Department staff - Colonel James Leonard III, NCC Chief of Police

G. Public Comment

H. Adjournment

AGENDA POSTED: July 7, 2026

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Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco
Requested by: Department of Public Safety
Date of introduction: July 14, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 26-152

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ALL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2026 UPDATE

1 **WHEREAS**, the State of Delaware and New Castle County, like all other jurisdictions in
2 the Mid-Atlantic Region, are vulnerable to hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, and other natural and
3 technological disasters including pandemics, terrorism and weapons of mass destruction that in
4 the past have or could have caused extensive loss of life and property, and severe disruption to
5 essential human services, and

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7 **WHEREAS**, past hazard events have caused property damage, economic loss, and threats
8 to public health and safety within New Castle County and its municipalities; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, the Stafford Act was amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 Section
11 322 (DMA2K) (P.L. 106-39) which provides approaches to mitigation planning and emphasizes
12 the need for state, local and tribal entities to closely coordinate mitigation planning and
13 implementation efforts as outlined in 44 CFR Part 201; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, Section 2.05.201 (4) of the *New Castle County Code* states that the New
16 Castle County Office of Emergency Management shall prepare and maintain a comprehensive
17 emergency operations plan and other plans as appropriate to provide guidance and direction to
18 units of County government, and which are integrated into and coordinated with emergency
19 management plans of the federal government, the State of Delaware, and the political
20 subdivisions in the County; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County, through the Office of Emergency Management, in
23 coordination with participating municipalities, state agencies, and other stakeholders, drafted the
24 New Castle County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2026 Update (the "Update") as
25 attached for submission to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

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27 **WHEREAS**, the 2026 Update planning process included public outreach, risk assessment,
28 vulnerability analysis, and the development of mitigation strategies to reduce long-term risk to
29 people and property; and involved multiple levels of review and input, consultation with
30 participating municipalities and other stakeholders, briefing the County Council Executive
31 Committee, and presentation at the New Castle County Planning Board Public Hearing; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, adoption of the Update is necessary to maintain eligibility for certain federal
34 pre- and post-disaster hazard mitigation assistance programs, and final review by the Federal
35 Emergency Management Agency is currently in progress; and

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37 **WHEREAS**, the County anticipates that any remaining revisions requested through the
38 FEMA review process will be minor in nature and will not substantially alter the goals, strategies,
39 or mitigation actions contained in the Update;

40 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Council of New Castle County
41 hereby adopts the Update, including any minor or administrative revisions required by FEMA that
42 do not materially alter the Plan's goals, mitigating strategies, or actions. Should FEMA require
43 material alterations to the Update, such revisions shall be presented to County Council for further
44 consideration.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

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

SYNOPSIS: Same as title.

FISCAL NOTE: This Resolution adopting the Update approved by FEMA will provide New Castle County the ability to apply for Disaster Assistance and Disaster Mitigation Grants, however, it does not have a direct impact on current Fiscal Budget.

Acknowledged by the Acting Chief Financial Officer July 7, 2026.

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco
Requested by: Public Safety
Date of introduction: June 23, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-082

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) TO THE FY2025
EMPG FEDERAL GRANT OPERATIONAL AND PROJECT FUNDING GRANT**

1 **WHEREAS**, the New Castle County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has
2 been awarded \$272,200 in federal funding from the Department of Homeland Security
3 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the FY2025 EMPG Federal Grant
4 Operational and Project Funding; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, funding will be used to support the New Castle County Office of
7 Emergency Management's (OEM) operations for FY2025 through FY2028; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that grants anticipated to be
10 received from the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management
11 Agency (FEMA) are sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter
12 amended; and

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

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

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

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

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29 Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance
30 shall be effective retroactive to October 1, 2024.

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 \$272,200 in federal funding from the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to the FY2025 EMPG Federal Grant Operational and Project Funding to support the operations of the New Castle County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) for FY2025 through FY2028.

It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to October 1, 2024.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$272,200 in federal funding from the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to the FY2025 EMPG Federal Grant Operational and Project Funding.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$272,200. This increase will affect FY2025 through FY2028 since the targeted program completion date is September 30, 2027. There will be no fiscal impact beyond FY2028 as a result of this grant award. The required local match of \$272,200 will be covered within the Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management Approved Operating Budget.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer June 12, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Public Safety	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Emergency Management FY2025 EMPG	Ordinance No.	26-082
PROGRAM TITLE:	Emergency Management FY2025 EMPG		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ 272,200.00	\$ -	\$ 272,200.00
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 272,200.00	\$ -	\$ 272,200.00

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 156,000.00	\$ -	\$ 156,000.00
Benefits	\$ 87,930.00	\$ -	\$ 87,930.00
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00
Communication/Utilities	\$ 973.00	\$ -	\$ 973.00
Materials/Supplies	\$ 2,250.00	\$ -	\$ 2,250.00
Contractual Services	\$ 18,297.00	\$ -	\$ 18,297.00
Equipment	\$ 2,250.00	\$ -	\$ 2,250.00
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 272,200.00	\$ -	\$ 272,200.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	10/1/2024
Estimated Program Completion:	9/30/2027
The Local Match:	\$ 272,200.00
Found in (ORG):	10200601
Ordinance Passed:	
Date Revised:	

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The major service goal of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is to assist New Castle County Government, it's support agencies and the public, to adequately prepare for, respond to, and recover from major emergency events by developing and maintaining planning and program efforts to address natural, manmade and technological disasters and emergencies. Activities are coordinated with a variety of federal, state and local government agencies as well as private facilities.

6/23/2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-083

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE CONTRACTED PARAMEDIC DUTY REVOLVING FUND,
WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY,
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Contracted Paramedic Duty Revolving Fund authorizes the Director of
2 Public Safety to enter into contracts with individuals, companies, corporations, private entities,
3 or other government sectors for paramedic services on a contractual basis; and

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5 **WHEREAS**, this legislation recognizes the anticipated reimbursements for contracted
6 paramedic services to be received through June 30, 2027; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that funds will be received sufficient
9 to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and

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

15
16 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**

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18 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby amended
19 by deleting the material bracketed and stricken and adding the material underscored on the
20 attached "Exhibit A."

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22 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
23 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.* §
24 1156.

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26 Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance
27 shall be effective retroactive to June 30, 2026.

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, appropriates \$107,421 to the Contracted Paramedic Duty Revolving Fund, which is administered by the Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services for paramedic services to be performed on a contractual basis.

It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to June 30, 2026.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$107,421 to the Contracted Paramedic Duty Revolving Fund, which is administered by the Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services.

This legislation recognizes the anticipated reimbursements for paramedic services to be received through June 30, 2027 and authorizes the Director of Public Safety to enter into contracts (with individuals, companies, corporations, private entities, or other government sectors for paramedic services) on a contractual basis.

The Director of Public Safety with the concurrence of the Chief Financial Officer establishes rates no less than the amount necessary to reimburse for the cost of providing this service. Contracted paramedic services will be administered in a manner that will not interfere with, or reduce, the effectiveness of regular paramedic service levels for residents of the County. The Contract Duty Fund rate will be \$70.00 per hour which includes the paramedic and vehicle.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$107,421. This increase will affect FY2026 and beyond, since this is a continuous program.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer June 12, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Public Safety	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Contracted Paramedic Duty Revolving Fund	Ordinance No.	26-083
PROGRAM TITLE:	Contracted Paramedic Duty Revolving Fund		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ 551,689.06	\$ 107,421.00	\$ 659,110.06
Total	\$ 551,689.06	\$ 107,421.00	\$ 659,110.06

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 393,128.45	\$ 80,243.00	\$ 473,371.45
Benefits	\$ 43,725.05	\$ 7,315.00	\$ 51,040.05
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ 114,835.56	\$ 19,863.00	\$ 134,698.56
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 551,689.06	\$ 107,421.00	\$ 659,110.06

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	1/1/2012
Estimated Program Completion:	Ongoing
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed/Date Revised:	
<u>24-128</u>	<u>7/23/2024</u>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Contracted Paramedic Duty Revolving Fund authorizes the Director of Public Safety to enter into contracts with individuals, companies, corporations, private entities or other government sectors for paramedic services on a contractual basis.

7/23/2024

6/23/2026

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco
Requested by: Public Safety
Date of introduction: July 14, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-087

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION PASSED THROUGH THE STATE OF DELAWARE,
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY, OFFICE OF HIGHWAY
SAFETY TO THE FY27 OHS 250TH ANNIVERSARY MOTORIST AND PEDESTRIAN
SAFETY GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE**

1 **WHEREAS**, federal funding has been awarded from the U.S. Department of
2 Transportation passed through the State of Delaware, Office of Highway Safety to
3 Department of Public Safety, Division of Police; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, this funding provides critical funding for the Division of Police to
6 mitigate the severe safety risks associated with high-density crowds navigating busy
7 roadways; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the funding will be used to support Police overtime to assist City of
10 Wilmington's Police Department with pedestrian safety and traffic control; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that funds received are
13 sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance
16 substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate
17 government interests (i.e., promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order,
18 prosperity and/or welfare of the present and future inhabitants of this State).
19

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

22 Section 1. The Grants Budget, as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173, is hereby
23 amended by adding the material on the attached "Exhibit A," which shall be considered
24 underscored in its entirety, attached hereto and made a part thereof.
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26 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption
27 by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9
28 *Del. C. § 1156*.
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30 Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance
31 shall be effective retroactive to July 4, 2026.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

Williams-Johns

Monique

President of County Council
of New Castle County

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$26,000 in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation passed through the State of Delaware, Office of Highway Safety to the FY27 OHS 250th Anniversary Motorist and Pedestrian Safety Grant. Funds will be used by the New Castle County Department of Public Safety, Division of Police, to support overtime.

It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to July 4, 2026.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$26,000 in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation passed through the State of Delaware, Office of Highway Safety to the FY27 OHS 250th Anniversary Motorist and Pedestrian Safety Grant.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$26,000. This increase will affect FY2027 since the targeted program completion date is July 4, 2026. There will be no fiscal impact beyond FY2027 as a result of this grant award. The fiscal impact on the Operating Budget will be \$14,078.22 to cover benefits for overtime not covered by the grant. This will be covered within the Department of Public Safety, Division of Police Approved Operating Budget.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer June 30, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Public Safety	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	FY27 OHS 250th Anniversary Motorist and Pedestrian Safety	Ordinance No.	26-087
PROGRAM TITLE:	FY27 OHS 250th Anniversary Motorist and Pedestrian Safety		

Revenue	Current		Change		Revised
Federal	\$	26,000.00	\$	-	\$ 26,000.00
State	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
County	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Program Income	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Other	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Total	\$	26,000.00	\$	-	\$ 26,000.00

Expense	Current		Change		Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$	26,000.00	\$	-	\$ 26,000.00
Benefits	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Equipment	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Contingency	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Total	\$	26,000.00	\$	-	\$ 26,000.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	7/4/2026
Estimated Program Completion:	7/4/2026
Operating Budget Impact:	\$ 14,078.22
Found in (ORG):	10200305 - Police
Ordinance Passed/Date Revised:	

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The grant, funding with State of Delaware - Department of Safety and Homeland Security Federal pass-through funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation through the Delaware Office of Highway Safety will support overtime salaries during the campaign.

7/14/2026