



**Office of Emergency Management**  
**Anderson County, Kansas**  
**Director: J.D.Mersman**

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RE: Mid-term Report

Project/Award: DTPH5615GPPT08 DOT Grant

Recipient: Anderson County, KS

Date of Award: 9/15/2015

Date of Report: 3/22/2016

Contact/Grant Manager: JD Mersman jmersman@andersoncountyks.org

The purpose of this project was to construct a “live fire” training ground designed to give firefighters and other responders the opportunity to extinguish and control fires involving flammable fluids.

The following achievements have occurred:

- Funding was awarded to Anderson County for said equipment
- Anderson County developed specifications for said equipment and solicited bids. Local procurement policies were followed but due to the specialized nature of this equipment only one bidder qualified
- Anderson County awarded bid to Bullex Fire Training Systems in the amount of \$43,605
- Anderson County has received equipment. As of 3/22/2016 we are awaiting completion of ground preparation for the training site.
  - Some weather delays have presented issues with the contractor doing the ground leveling and building of base for training props
  - Local propane supplier has agreed to provide propane tank as well as fuel needed to facilitate training.
  - Due to lack of storage at the training site, weather tight storage structures have been ordered by Anderson County.
  - The delivery of the propane equipment as well as the storage structures is being held back until ground preparations are complete.
  - **Ground preparations are scheduled to be completed by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**
- Trainers with the vendor with whom the training equipment was purchased from are scheduled to arrive in Anderson County on **May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016** to complete “train the trainer” with a select group of firefighters who then will be instructors for other agencies coming in to train on the props.

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- At this point we have not scheduled our first training evolution with responders on the props. Once the props are installed and the train the trainer is complete Anderson County will begin the process of training responders.
  - If all goes well the first official training evolution should occur in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2016
- Anderson County has requested reimbursement through the eDelphi billing system for the \$43,605
- **The remaining \$6,395 will be used for costs associated with leveling and preparing the area for the props as well as offset costs associated with the purchase of the storage structures for the props**

**At this time the project appears to be slightly behind schedule, primarily due to weather. Even with said delays there should not be any issues with completing this project within the 12 month period of performance.**

Please contact me with any questions or concerns about our project.

Thank you,

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