



2025-2026 State Legislative Priorities

TOPIC: Public Safety First-Responder Rehabilitation Truck

Legislative Action Requested:

Funding Appropriation: \$1,825,000

Match Amount: There is no match at this time.

Funding support to purchase a First-Responder Rehabilitation Truck to serve all first responders in the field following response to a disaster, natural or man-made.

Background:

This vehicle will serve Palm Bay Police and Fire Rescue Departments, but can also be made available for all police, fire, and emergency medical service personnel from various governmental agencies in Brevard County as needed, as well as within the region or State where multi-jurisdictional response and support is needed.

A Rehabilitation Truck is a vehicle that is deployed following public safety response and serves to provide first responders with showers, oxygen, and place to observe vitals. This vehicle will be self-sufficient and provide for at least 12 hours of rest and rehabilitation services, on scene of the incident. Capabilities of the vehicle will include:

- Air-conditioned area of refuge for at least four (4) personnel to seek shelter from the elements
- Two (2) canopies to provide shade for personnel
- Pull-out sink for decontamination of personnel
- Toilet with a holding tank, able to be dumped at appropriate dumping stations; post-incident
- One (1) light tower to provide illumination for personnel and scene safety
- Air Compressor and storage of SCBA tanks to provide clean breathing air for SCBA units

The estimated cost of the vehicle is \$1,800,000. This cost includes the chassis, cab and all mounted equipment. Additional outfitting costs, estimated to be \$25,000, include supplies for decontamination and rehabilitation. This includes carcinogen reducing wipes, hand/body soaps and de-greasers, eye wash supplies, basic toiletries, and storable amounts of drinking water.