

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF TRENCH RESCUE TRAILERS AND EQUIPMENT
FROM STORY COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

BACKGROUND:

As part of a shared effort to address areas of response readiness and to train more cooperatively with other City departments, the Ames Fire Department offered a multi-day trench rescue training course for firefighters and Public Works personnel during October of 2007. Throughout the two days, 10 firefighters and nine public works personnel received 16 hours of highly technical classroom and hands-on trench rescue training.

Since that time, the Story County Emergency Management Agency has agreed to provide a scene support trailer, a trench rescue trailer, and accompanying equipment to the City of Ames free of charge. The apparatus and equipment will help supplement the need for technical rescue response and incident management throughout Ames. The City will maintain the equipment, and it will also be made available for other Story County first responder agencies to pick up and use when needed. Personnel for the City of Ames' Fire and Public Works Departments will continue to work in partnership and collaborate in utilization and training with this equipment, to efficiently provide emergency response in rescue situations.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize the transfer of titles and sole ownership of the scene support trailer, trench rescue trailer, and all accompanying equipment from the Story County Emergency Management Agency to the City of Ames.
2. Do not authorize the transfer this trench rescue equipment from the Story County Emergency Management Agency to the City of Ames.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By authorizing transfer of these trench rescue trailers and equipment from the Story County Emergency Management Agency to the City, firefighters and Public Works staff will be better prepared with the necessary tools and equipment to facilitate a rapid response to technical rescue incidents.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby authorizing the transfer of titles and sole ownership of the scene support trailer, trench rescue trailer, and all accompanying equipment from the Story County Emergency Management Agency to the City of Ames.