



Mr. Werts,

The Northeast Pennsylvania Regional Counter Terrorism Task Force has been the main benefactor the City of Bethlehem Bomb Squad for the past ten years. The task force has furnished the squad with the bulk of its equipment. As most of the equipment associated with the EOD (Explosive Ordinance Disposal) mission in the public sector is extremely expensive and costly to maintain, it would be impossible for the squad and its parent city to effectively maintain itself. The task force has purchased all of our vital equipment such as, but not limited to:

Response Truck

TCV (Total Containment Vessel)

Bomb Suits

Tactical Equipment: Vests & Helmets

Bomb Disposal Robot

Various EOD Tools

Without these tools at our disposal, we would not be able to meet the minimum requirements set forth by the FBI and NBSCAB (Nation Bomb Squad Commanders Advisory Board) to maintain a certified bomb squad.

Some of this equipment is currently reaching the end of its shelf life and needs to be replaced and maintained. Without the aid of the task force this would not be feasible. In addition, with the ever changing and evolving threats to our homeland and way of life, it is necessary for the bomb squad to evolve its equipment and training in order to overcome the threats that we face on a daily basis.

Without the task force, the ever evolving EOD mission would not be able to be reasonably met, and the threat towards the citizens and first responders within the eight county region are at an increased risk.

Thank you,

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