

RESOLUTION NO. 1522

A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Salisbury authorizing the Chief of the Salisbury Fire Department and the Chief of the Salisbury Police Department to sign an agreement to participate in the response protocol initiated by the Wicomico County Central Communications, in the event a nerve agent/chemical disaster or attack were to occur on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

WHEREAS, the Wicomico County Health Department, Emergency Preparedness Division has established the protocol for the deployment of Hospital Chempack (Nerve Agent Organophosphate Antidotes) which will be carried out in conjunction with State, County and local agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Salisbury Fire Department, as a first responder, agrees to store and maintain packets of antidotes in all emergency medical vehicles for the treatment of Fire Department personnel and of exposed victims while in route to a hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Salisbury Police Department agrees to transport HIGH-priority, Critical Medical supplies from Peninsula Regional Medical Center, a "Hub" hospital designated to store Hospital Chempack for distribution to outlying (spoke) hospitals, to hospitals such as Atlantic General Hospital, McCready Memorial Hospital or Dorchester General Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of Chempack supplies will be coordinated through Wicomico County Central Communication, who will contact Maryland State Police, the Wicomico County Sheriff's Office and the Salisbury Police Department respectively, to transport these packets in a safe and expedient manner with the understanding that minutes will save lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland, that the Chiefs of the Salisbury Fire and Police Departments are authorized to sign the Deployment Policy and Response Protocol agreement on behalf of the City of Salisbury.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury held on this ____ day of _____, 2007, and is to become effective immediate upon adoption.

Brenda J. Colegrove,
City Clerk

Louise Smith,
Council President

APPROVED BY ME this ____ day of _____ 2007.

Barrie P. Tilghman,
Mayor of the City of Salisbury