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Fwd: WHP in North Dakota

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Mr. Murphy, my responses are outlined below. Kebin

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On Wed, Nov 2, 2016 at 5:52 PM, Matt Murphy <mmurphy@wyomingnews.com> wrote:

Hi Col. Haller,

I have been asked to inquire about how the WHP is paying for troopers to be in North Dakota through Nov. 8 as well as a few other follow up questions.

I know North Dakota is supposed to reimburse Wyoming for the expense, but how much is that expected to cost and where will the money come from up front? Does the WHP have an account or line item or something for these types of situations?

The six Troopers assigned to this detail will be compensated as they always have been by the State of Wyoming, ie; no special funding. This ensures compensation is timely and consistent for our employees. However, what is different for these particular six Troopers personnel costs, as well as all other expenses

associated with this assignment (lodging, per diem, etc.), is that upon completion of this assignment the WHP will submit these expenses, in total, to the State of North Dakota for reimbursement.

Was this set up through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact or a similar agreement? **Yes.**

I also wanted to know who the WHP troopers will be answering to in North Dakota, or who will be in charge of them. What are their roles in North Dakota?

I have assigned one of the six Troopers assigned as the Squad Leader. This Trooper communicates and coordinates with Morton County, North Dakota Sheriff, Kyle Kirchmeier, or his designee. What initially began as a local demonstration has become a large protest. As a result, civil disturbance and unrest has and is occurring. The six WHP Troopers role in North Dakota is to protect all persons and property, including their civil liberties.

Finally, how was the timeline determined? Did North Dakota only request help for a set period of dates?

The timeline was agreed upon between the WHP and North Dakota. Ultimately, we agreed that our six WHP Troopers would travel from Wyoming to North Dakota on October 22, 2016 and begin their duties there on October 23, 2016. On November 8, our six Troopers will return to Wyoming.

Thank you very much and I appreciate your time.

I hope that I have sufficiently answered your follow up questions. Kebin

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