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Ms. Braine,

I am writing on behalf of the Buncombe County Rescue Squad to request that a Mountain Mobility vehicle, which is currently scheduled for auction, be transferred to our agency. The vehicle in question is:

County ID 11540. 2002 Ford E450 Super Duty Vin: 1FDXE45S62HA11540 Miles: 239,520

The Rescue Squad is a 501(c)(3) organization that has been serving the citizens of Buncombe County since 1963. One of our main areas of service is to respond with fire departments during working structure fires. One of our goals over the past few years has been to provide a Firefighter Rehabilitation team, which this vehicle would be utilized for.

When firefighters are working, they are constantly under mental and physical threats ranging from heat exhaustion and dehydration to poisoning from burning materials. Firefighters who are not provided adequate rest and rehydration are at increased risk of illness and injury. Realizing these threats, our agency has entered into mutual aid agreements with local fire departments and has been seeking a vehicle to respond with our team to allow firefighters to enter a climate controlled environment, free from the stress of the active scene, so they can be monitored, treated and safely returned to their duties. We feel that this Mountain Mobility Vehicle would greatly assist us in these efforts and will not conflict with services provided by Mountain Mobility. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Yours in service,

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