

**SECTION 14**

**VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION**

**SEC. 14 APPROPRIATIONS: VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION**

The following sum of \$250,000 is requested in total to be appropriated for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, to the Department of Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force.

- 1. Dry Hydrant Program..... \$250,000

Funds are requested to continue the dry hydrant program administered by the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force. The purpose of the fund is to provide matching funds to municipalities to install dry hydrants adjacent to streams, lakes, ponds and rivers where fire departments can quickly refill pumpers without having to deal with ice, debris, etc. These improvements will enhance both regular and volunteer fire departments in responding to actual incidents. To ensure a sense of local ownership, all funding will require a 25% local match which may be fulfilled through in-kind donations or services.

Total Request for FY 2016	\$125,000
Total Request for FY 2017	\$125,000
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Total Request for Section 14 FY 2016 and FY 2017	\$250,000