Dane Co. Exec. Parisi: Dane County purchases new emergency command vehicle to better respond during major events

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Today Dane County Executive Parisi announced Dane County has a new command vehicle to help coordinate emergency responses at major public safety incidents. County Executive Joe Parisi included $500,000 in this year's county budget to purchase the new Dane County command vehicle (known as CV-1) and outfit it with the most state of the art communications and public safety response equipment.

Housed in Dane County's Emergency Management Department, the vehicle will respond to severe weather, criminal investigations, power outages, and other emergencies requiring coordination of significant public safety resources. The new mobile command center will provide critical communications, planning and coordination for major incidents.

"This brand new command vehicle continues Dane County's commitment to supporting the important work of police, fire, and emergency medical services countywide," Parisi said. "Dane County Emergency Management stands ready to respond and support our responders and the communities they keep safe."

Dane County first acquired a command vehicle in 2004, thanks to dollars from U.S. Homeland Security. It served as the command center during the 2005 Stoughton tornado and was critical to the county's coordination and response to that disaster and its subsequent clean-up. CV1 has been deployed at numerous law enforcement, fire and community events since it was placed in service.

The new CV1 was purchased from Lynch Diversified Vehicles (LDV) a Wisconsin based company located in Burlington, Wisconsin. It features updated electronics and increased data capabilities to better aid responders.