

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 04EAGLE MOUNTAIN FIRE DEPT COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AGREEMENT

SUBJECT

Authorize Execution of a Communications System Agreement with the Eagle Mountain Fire Department for Participation in the City of Fort Worth's Two-Way Public Safety Radio System at No Cost to the City of Fort Worth (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of a Communications System Agreement with the Eagle Mountain Fire Department for participation in the City of Fort Worth's two-way Public Safety Radio System at no cost to the City of Fort Worth.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Fort Worth (City) maintains Agreements to provide access to its two-way radio system by other public safety agencies in Tarrant, Johnson, Dallas, Denton, Parker, Ellis and Palo Pinto counties. In return for this access, external agencies help offset the City's expenses through the payment of annual fees. In addition, access to the Fort Worth Public Safety Radio System by multiple jurisdictions enhances the ability of emergency responders to communicate with one another when responding to incidents.

In July 2019, the Eagle Mountain Fire Department approved a Communications System Agreement to operate on the City's Public Safety Radio System. Eagle Mountain Fire Department will provide its own radios and dispatch center, but will utilize the City's radio infrastructure for its public safety communications. Estimated annual revenue is \$6,000.

To ensure the software levels of the radio system remain current and under support, the City utilizes a Motorola System Upgrade Agreement that encompasses all external agencies that maintain dispatch consoles. The use of a single Software Agreement to cover all users results in a 14 percent discount in the cost for all agencies, including the City. If applicable, Eagle Mountain Fire Department will reimburse the City for its portion of the System Upgrade Agreement.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendation the Information Technology Solutions Department and the Financial Management Services Department have the responsibility for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City under this Agreement. Revenue from this agreement is estimated at \$6,000.00 annually.

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