COUNTY OF GLENN
BOARD REPORT

SHERIFF - DONATION / REPEATER TO ORLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT

Submitted by Sheriff
January 7, 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The Sheriff requests Board approve donation of decommissioned Glenn County Sheriff’s Office Emergency Radio Repeater to the Orland Volunteer Fire Department (OVFD).

RECOMMENDATION(S):
The Sheriff recommends that the Board of Supervisors finds that a decommissioned Motorola Repeater is surplus property that is not needed for County purposes; that donation of that repeater to the Orland Volunteer Fire Department would serve a public purpose; and, authorize the donation to be made.

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND:
In November of 2016, the Sheriff’s Office secondary Emergency Communications Radio Repeater Site at Red Mountain was destroyed by fire, including the Sheriff’s Office emergency repeater, leaving the department with only one active site at Needham. After an investigation of the fire, the Sheriff’s Office received insurance claim reimbursement funds which were designated to pay for the replacement of the destroyed emergency repeater once the site was rebuilt. Reconstruction was delayed several times due to design concerns and weather, and was not started until summer 2018. In June 2018, the Sheriff’s Office purchased a Motorola repeater at the direction of the then-current radio communications vendor. However, the County and vendor cancelled their service contract shortly thereafter. In June 2019, the County awarded a new radio communications service contract to the current Sheriff’s Office vendor, Silke Communications. Since that time, Silke, in conjunction with Sheriff’s Office staff, have completed an analysis of the Sheriff’s Office Public Safety radio system and have designed a new, cost-effective system which will provide a significant improvement to the quality of law enforcement and emergency response communications in the County. This includes a redesign of the Red Mountain repeater which will make the current Motorola replacement repeater obsolete. Rather than surplussing the repeater which would potentially remove it from useful service within the County, the Sheriff’s Office determined via discussions with Operational Area (OA) partners, that this repeater could be successfully utilized within the OVFD radio system, and would fill a need that had been identified for fulfillment through future Homeland Security Grant Funding.
FISCAL/PERSOENNEL IMPACTS(S):

Minimal County General Fund impact as the repeater will not be useful to the anticipated radio infrastructure upgrade and donation will allow the Operational Area (OA) to use grant funds allocated for the purchase of a new repeater for OVFD towards other OA needs. As the OVFD Rural is a special district within the County, the asset will still remain within the County.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:

One of the goals of the Sheriff’s Office as the Office of Emergency Services is to increase cooperation and resource sharing with OA partners when possible to best utilize and economize those resources to the betterment of the community. By donating this piece of much needed equipment to the OVFD, the Sheriff’s Office is able to find a useful purpose for a piece of equipment the agency is unable to utilize, which will greatly enhance OVFD’s ability to respond to incidents; the donation will also free up grant funding that would have been dedicated to purchasing a repeater for OVFD that can then be redirected towards other OA needs, including the enhancement of the Sheriff’s Office radio communications infrastructure.

APPROVERS:
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