



To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mac Tristan, Chief of Police

Date: July 01, 2016

Reference: Consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Coppel and the City of Fort Worth, to authorize the City of Coppel to use of the Fort Worth owned, operated and maintained Trunked Voice Radio System for the purpose of providing interoperable Public Safety voice radio communications; and authorizing the Mayor and/or City Manager to sign any necessary documents.

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Introduction:

On June 11, 2013, Council approved an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the City of Coppel and the Metrocrest consortium cities of Farmers Branch, Addison and Carrollton for the purchase of a P25-compliant public safety radio system and equipment from Harris Corporation.

The Coppel Police and Fire Departments both desire to expand the capability of the Harris radio system through inclusion of other P25 radio systems throughout the North Texas region. The City of Fort Worth maintains a P25 system that is in use by numerous public safety agencies in the Tarrant County area. It is the desire of both Police and Fire to have interoperable radio communications with the agencies using the Fort Worth radio system, including our neighboring cities of Irving and Grapevine. In order to do this, the City of Coppel will need to execute an agreement with the City of Fort Worth to utilize their Trunked voice radio communications system.

Analysis:

Authorization of this agreement with the City of Fort Worth will allow Coppel Police and Fire Departments access to forty-three primary system jurisdictions/organizations on the Fort Worth system. It will also allow access to fifty-nine mutual aid jurisdictions/organizations.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact to the City of Coppel in order to utilize the Fort Worth radio system. The only circumstances stipulated in the contract where fiscal impacts could arise would be due to damages or loss to the radio system caused by negligence, omission, or misconduct on the part of a Coppel employee or someone acting on our behalf.

Legal Review:

Agenda item was reviewed by Robert Hager on July 5, 2016.

Recommendation:

The Police and Fire Departments found this action to be supportive of the Sustainable City Government piece of the Coppel 2030 Master Plan. There are no costs associated with this agreement. As such, staff recommends City Council approval for Coppel to enter into an agreement with the City of Fort Worth for utilization of Fort Worth's voice radio communications system and authorizing the City Manager to sign.