



Item: Great Falls Police MCC7500 Consoles – Dispatch Upgrades

From: Great Falls Police Department

Initiated By: Chief David Bowen

Presented By: Chief David Bowen

Action Requested: Accept the Contract to Purchase Motorola MCC7500 Dispatch Consoles

Public Hearing:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission (accept/deny) the purchase of Motorola MCC7500 consoles to upgrade the 911 dispatch center for the cost of \$674,694”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, public comment, and calls the vote.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Commission accept the contract to purchase the Motorola MCC7500 dispatch consoles.

Background: A much needed upgrade for the 911 dispatch center was needed to improve performance and interoperability amongst participating agencies. The Great Falls Police Department has transitioned to the P25 compatible, narrow-banding standard, however, additional communication challenges still exist. In order for GFFD staff to effectively communicate (encrypted) with local, state, military and FBI systems, additional upgrades will be required of all radio systems. In order for the communication web to be fully functional, interoperable, and robust upgrades to the MCC 7500 dispatch consoles will need to take place to provide the communication support that our local, state and federal partners will require.

Significant Impacts: The Motorola MCC7500 console upgrades to the 911 dispatch center will benefit the City of Great Falls and surrounding communities through increased communications capabilities to comply with federal mandates for P25 compatibility.

Fiscal Impact: The MCC7500 console upgrades will be fully funded through an existing State Homeland Security Grant. There are no matching funds or other fiscal impacts required by the City of Great Falls to purchase this equipment. This is a sole source purchase because of the upgrade to existing equipment. Additionally, this contract falls under the State of Montana WSCA contract which exempts the need for bids.

Contract is available for review in the office of the City Clerk.