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**Submitted by:** Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approval to purchase public safety mobile radio equipment.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval to purchase mobile radio equipment through the State of Iowa contract. The Public Safety emergency radio communications system plays a critical part in providing emergency service to the City. The system provides real time communications between the police and fire communications center and officers and fire fighters on the street. A portion of the Public Safety mobile equipment requires replacement and upgrading. These mobile radios will be installed in police and fire emergency vehicles as well as public works and local government vehicles. The older radios will be removed from the Radio Services inventory.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$52,632

Funding Source: FY08-09 Operating Budget, Radio Replacement Fund, IS080, POL 011300, Page 283

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Radio Services Section has been maintaining a close assessment on the reliability of the emergency radio communications system. On a yearly basis, the Radio Services Section purchases newer and upgraded radios to be installed in public safety, public works and local government vehicles. This assures emergency radio operability in those vehicles responding to citizens' calls for assistance. This purchase is also to comply with FCC regulations on narrow banding to 12.5 KHz. These radios can be programmed and must be programmed to the lower band width.

After reviewing the Police Chief's request to bid this equipment, it was determined by the Procurement Administrator of the Finance Department that it was in the best interest of the City to purchase this equipment from a State of Iowa contract, which was created from a past bidding process.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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