

# Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

**Date:** June 13, 2011

Agenda Item No. 43J Roll Call No. 11-1017

Communication No. 11-373

Submitted by: John F. TeKippe, Fire

Chief

#### **AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving the purchase of 14 Master Control Units (MCU) upgrades, Control remotes, voice chip modules and associated labor & support for the Westnet station alerting system.

# **SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval to purchase 14 MCU upgrades, voice chip modules and associated labor. The vendor is First-In Systems by Westnet®, Inc.(15542 Chemical Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92649, Richard Matheny, President).

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$55,139.82

Funding Source: GE001 POL040900 E911 Reimbursement, 526120 – Repair & Maintenance Data

**Processing Software** 

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Westnet system provides basic incident information using an automated recorded voice for all events to which the Fire Department is dispatched. This upgrade will provide the dispatch center a feedback code to indicate that the automated message has completed. Knowing when this message has completed is important to the dispatchers as the automated voice takes precedence on the speaker system. Once the speakers are clear, the dispatchers can then provide additional information regarding the event. The code sent by MCU's will be processed by the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), it is anticipated this feature will be functional after the CAD upgrade later this year. In addition, this upgrade will improve trouble shooting and maintenance access controls of the MCUs.

# PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

<u>Date</u>: July 22, 2002

Roll Call Number: 02-1882

<u>Action</u>: (Council Communication No. 02-391). Contract with Siemens ILG for public safety communications improvements, \$5,199,878. **Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 5-2. Absent: Coleman and Brooks.** 

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

# ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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