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	Agenda Item No. 42 Roll Call No. <u>16-0585</u> Communication No. <u>16-170</u> Submitted by: Dana Wingert, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Des Moines and the Polk County Sheriff’s Office regarding access and use of the Central Iowa Regional Public Safety Communications System (CIRPSCS) in conjunction with the Strategic Plan goals of being a high performing city organization and regional cooperation and collaboration.

SYNOPSIS:

This MOU addresses the current challenges with communications between agencies in the surrounding area due to the use of different radio systems. This agreement specifies obligations and policies for access to the CIRPSCS which is a leased network by the Polk County Sheriff’s Office. The agreement specifies that the City of Des Moines would be responsible for the acquisition and maintenance of radios and other equipment to access the network.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no cost related to the MOU; however, the City is responsible for the purchase compatible radios and other equipment and monthly access charges to the leased network.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Polk County Sheriff’s Office leases the digital radio communications system from RACOM while the City of Des Moines owns and operates its own analog network. Some compatibility exists to communicate between the two (2) networks with existing specialized equipment on a shared channel. There are occasions, however, where the need to communicate with all surrounding agencies using CIRPSCS is necessary for collaboration on a joint response to regional incidents.

The current need for access to CIRPSCS is requested by the Fire Department. The Department needs CIRPSCS access for its Mobile Command Unit as well as a portable unit for versatile deployments. This agreement would allow future access to other City departments to CIRPSCS should the need arise.

The Police Department’s Metro STAR unit has equipment and access to the network based on prior agreements with Polk County for shared services of that program and radio equipment is paid for and provided by the county.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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