



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, City Manager

DATE: October 16, 2012

TITLE: A motion to enter into an interlocal agreement with the United States Marshals Service (USMS) – Interoperable Radio Communications

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve an interlocal agreement for radio communications interoperability between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the U.S. Marshals and authorize the City Manager to execute on behalf of the City.

Background

The United States Marshals Service “USMS” has entered into agreements to access most of the public safety radio systems on the east coast of Florida in order to facilitate communications and interoperability with those local law enforcement agencies during activities occurring within their jurisdictions. There have been several incidents within the tri-county area in the recent past where local officers and USMS deputies had difficulties in coordinating activities due to communication issues. The inability to effectively communicate impacts coordination of operations or incidents and creates safety issues during the execution of the events. The USMS and Fort Lauderdale Police Department would like to improve the level of interoperability by providing the USMS access to the City of Fort Lauderdale’s 800 MHz Smart Zone Trunked Radio System. Granting the USMS access to the City’s radio system will allow for better interoperability, coordination and effective execution of their activities.

The Information Technology Services Department has established agreeable terms with USMS and is ready to enter into an interlocal agreement with the USMS for access to Fort Lauderdale Police radio communication talk groups.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – U.S. Marshal Interlocal Agreement

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