



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: December 17, 2013

TITLE: Interlocal Agreement with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and
Explosives for interoperable radio communications to the City of Fort
Lauderdale's radio system

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve an interlocal agreement for radio communications interoperability between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and authorize the proper City officials to execute the agreement.

Background

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) has entered into agreements to access many 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. Having this access allows ATF officers the ability to coordinate activities and operations with more effective communication capabilities and improve safety. The Fort Lauderdale Police Department and ATF Bureau would like to improve their level of interoperability by providing the ATF Bureau access to the City of Fort Lauderdale's 800 MHz Smart Zone Trunked Radio System. Granting access to the City's radio system will allow for better interoperability, effective coordination and safer execution of their activities.

The Information Technology Services Department has established agreeable terms with the ATF Bureau and recommends entering into this interlocal agreement. Based on the City's agreement with Broward County to participate in the Consolidated Regional Communications System, termination of this agreement (including termination) can be implemented with a 10-day written notice.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the City.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 8 Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the **Public Safety Cylinder of Excellence**, specifically advancing:

- **Goal 9:** Be the safest urban coastal City in South Florida through preventative and responsible police and fire protection.
- **Objective 2:** Provide quick and exceptional fire, medical, and emergency response.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Ready*

Attachment: Exhibit 1 - Interlocal Agreement

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