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To: Municipal Managers

Dear Municipal Managers:

My staff has been fielding questions from a number of Municipal Police and Fire Rescue personnel regarding the purchase of radio subscriber units; specifically regarding whether or not such purchases are prudent at this time. As you aware, the County is moving forward with developing our radio replacement strategy. As a first step in this process, we have solicited proposals for a Technical Consultant to assist in defining this strategy. Over the next couple of months, we expect to have the Technical Consultant on board to begin the process.

During the quarterly Regional Public Safety Communications (RPSCC) meetings, the Office of Communications Technology has articulated the County's radio replacement system strategy from a high level perspective outlining the County's intent to migrate to the open radio standard known as P-25. Although this standard is vendor agnostic meaning that a P-25 radio provided by vendor "A" will communicate on an infrastructure provided by vendor "B"; the P-25 standard does not include all vendor specific features and functionality. Therefore, if you are purchasing P-25 capable subscriber radios today, some of the vendor specific features you purchase may or may not be available on the replacement radio system infrastructure. It is for that reason we are suggesting you delay your purchase of subscriber radios unless you have a critical need to make the purchase.

We will keep you apprised of the radio replacement project timeline and, once a final decision is made in terms of the infrastructure provider, you will have sufficient time to budget for any subscriber radios you may need to purchase.

If you or your staff have any questions please contact Rick Carpani at: (954) 357-8678.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bertha W. Henry".

Bertha Henry
County Administrator

cc: Alphonso Jefferson, Assistant to the County Administrator
Rick Carpani, Director, Office of Communications Technology