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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 20, 2013

TO: Mayor and Board of County Commissioners

THRU: Bertha W. Henry, County Administrator

FROM: Alphonso Jefferson, Jr., Assistant to the County Administrator

SUBJECT: **Status Update on the Implementation of the Consolidated Regional E911 Communications System**

This is a status update on the progress of establishing the Consolidated Regional E-911 Communications System (Consolidated System).

County staff has worked with the Broward County Sheriff's Office (BSO) on a performance-based contract, and has finalized contract language for BSO to serve as the Operator of the Consolidated System. This contract will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners (Board) on October 1, 2013. This contract outlines the roles and responsibilities of the County and BSO, and focuses on the need to meet or exceed the performance standards that were approved by the Broward County Consolidated Communications Implementation Advisory Board (I-Board). Steps to transition Participating Communities to the Consolidated System have already begun with the Cities of Coconut Creek and Margate.

Municipalities continue to present the standard form Participation and Regional Interlocal Agreements for consideration to their respective commission. To date, twenty-one (21) Municipalities have passed agreements; however, County staff is currently reviewing these agreements to ensure that they are the original County standard form agreements. Any agreement modified from the standard form will be returned to the municipality for proper execution. Attached, is an agreement tracking matrix for your use.

As of this date, two municipalities – City of Pembroke Pines and Town of Southwest Ranches – made modifications to the standard form Participation Agreement. These agreements will not be recommended for acceptance.

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In addition, Cooper City has indicated agreements will not be heard by their city commission until October 8, 2013. As you aware, to properly plan for the system, municipalities were given a deadline of September 30, 2013, to execute the agreements. In the event the original standard form agreements are not approved by September 30, 2013, in the form provided by the County, the municipalities will need to identify an alternate solution for receiving the services outlined in the participation agreement in FY 2014 and beyond. Options could be for municipalities to be charged for the full-cost of providing the services until the agreements are approved, alternate arrangements are made or, in some cases, continuing to operate and fund their own Public Safety Answer Point (PSAP).

The County anticipated utilizing space located at 6057 S.W. 198 Terrace, in the City of Pembroke Pines, as a Host PSAP location for the Consolidated System. In the event the City does not execute the standard form participation agreement, the County will not use the City's facility as a Host PSAP location. Currently, alternate plans, which may require the use of the Public Safety Building (PSB), are being developed.

Throughout the creation of the Consolidated System, the County has been consistent with the need for standardized agreements; providing for a regional system that is fair, equitable, transparent and measurable for all participants. These standardized agreements will apply to all the municipalities that wish to voluntarily join the system.

County staff is focused on delivering a successful Consolidated System that meets the needs of citizens, visitors and businesses. As a result, we will be working closely with the Participating Communities and the Operator to ensure that processes and protocols are in place to achieve the performance standards. We continue to work through the transitional items necessary to effectuate the Consolidated System and will keep you apprised accordingly.

If you have any questions or require a briefing, please contact me.

Attachment

cc: Sheriff Scott Israel, Broward Sheriff's Office
Joni Armstrong Coffey, County Attorney
Rob Hernandez, Deputy County Administrator
Rick Carpani, Director, Office of Communications Technology
Municipal Managers