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Municipal Managers

RE: Status on the Implementation of the P25 Radio System

County staff, along with our selected vendor (Motorola Solutions) and end user stakeholders, have been working diligently on the design and project schedule for the replacement of the existing public safety radio system with a new 700MHz Association of Public Safety Communication Association (APCO) Project 25 Phase II system. All equipment has been ordered and received. Currently, we estimate the system will be operational in the 4th quarter of calendar year 2019.

As you are aware, construction of some new tower sites is required for the build-out the system. Unfortunately, there are still some sites that need to be finalized.

At this point, I draw your attention to the procurement of radios. It is the responsibility of each municipality to procure your necessary radios for the new system. Our contract with Motorola allows for discounted pricing through May 23, 2019. Please allow for adequate time to procure, program, and train on the new radios.

As we move forward with the necessary steps to implement the new public safety radio system, we will continue to work with the fire and police associations on the development of radio maintenance schedules, tactical communication plans, standard operating procedures and ongoing end-user training to optimize the use of the radio system.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Alphonso Jefferson, Jr., Assistant County Administrator, at 954-357-7352 or via email at ajefferson@broward.org.

Sincerely,

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County Administrator

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