

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Tavaglione

SUBMITTAL DATE:
February 19, 2013

SUBJECT: All Agency Participation in the Public Safety Enterprise Communication System Provides an Essential, Immediate Tool to Improve Officer Safety

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors encourage all cities and agencies in Riverside County to carefully consider the advantages of participating in the Public Safety Enterprise Communication System (PSEC)

BACKGROUND: The primary reason the Board approved the development of PSEC was to increase officer safety across all regions of Riverside County. Wireless communication for public safety and public service agencies is essential to ensure rapid and efficient interaction among all public safety providers.

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Departmental Concurrence

 John F. Tavaglione, Supervisor, Second District

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$N/A	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$N/A	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$N/A	For Fiscal Year:	N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

County Executive Office Signature

- Dep't Recomm.: Consent Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 3.35a 10/16/12 | **District:** all | **Agenda Number:**

Six years ago this Board awarded Motorola Inc. a contract to resolve the challenges of radio service across this county which at more than 7200 square miles encompasses five climatic zones and has altitudes ranging from below sea level at the Salton Sea to almost 11,000 feet at the peak of Mt. San Jacinto. The 800 mhz. radio system was nearing full capacity at a time when the county was growing more rapidly than any other area of California; the vision then, as now was to create a system that would allow first responders countywide to communicate with one another, something virtually impossible anywhere in 2007. Then as now this Board recognized that contact and shared information increases not only the response to any crisis, it increases officer safety.

The Homeland Security Act of 2002 defines emergency response providers as "Federal, State, and local emergency public safety, law enforcement, emergency response, emergency medical (including hospital facilities), and related personnel, agencies and authorities." Even non-traditional first responders have become part of the public safety sphere; in a crisis all responders must be able to communicate effectively, efficiently and in real time. In Riverside County that communication will occur via the 700 mhz. broadband system that is PSEC.

Right now the biggest challenge to interoperability is the sharing of PSEC with all cities, agencies and organizations across the county that employ first responders, including law enforcement, local fire, medical response and public agencies. We invite them to join us in an effort to be better partners when a crisis occurs. Our first responders have always worked together well; PSEC is a tool that will now let them communicate regardless of city, county, or agency affiliation. It is essential that all cities and public agencies carefully review and give thoughtful consideration to participation in PSEC. While we do not know every detail of the ongoing operational costs; we are gathering data and will analyze all expenditures as the system becomes operable in order to provide a transparent fiscal system. Regardless of the cost however, there is no price that can be greater than saving of a life of one of our first responders. These men and women serve all of us countywide when trouble strikes; they don't look to the color of the uniform; they look to the resolution of the crisis. PSEC gives them one more tool in their arsenal of effectiveness.

I urge all members of this Board to join me in encouraging our countywide partners to give consideration of joining the PSEC network their highest priority.