



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Police

Date: March 12, 2009

To: The Honorable Don Samuels, Chair Public Safety and Regulatory Services Committee

Referral to: Ways and Means

Subject: Acceptance of grant funds from the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board.

Recommendation: That the Minneapolis Police Department be given permission to accept an award of \$22,633.81 from the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board (MESB) and execute any contracts associated with this project. Funds will be deposited in fund/org 01300 4004110 321010.

Previous Directives: None

Department Information

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Presenters in Committee: DC Gerlicher

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ___ Date _____
- Civil Rights Approval Approval ___ Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ___ Date _____

Financial Impact

No financial impact

- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget or Operating Budget

Dept Name: Police
 Fund Name: 01300 4004110 321010
 Project Name & Number (if capital budget): _____
 Amount: \$ 22,633.81

- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

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- Action is within the Business Plan

Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification
- City Goals
- Comprehensive Plan
- Zoning Code
- Other

Supporting Information:

The MPD currently has two safety collaborative initiatives that utilize the security monitoring systems of independent security companies and buildings within Minneapolis. "One Talk Group" is used to communicate with our First Precinct desk (Radio Link 1) and the other is used in Third Precinct (Radio Link 3) initiatives. These programs have been very beneficial in stopping and solving crimes in these precincts. These systems were set up in 2005 as test "pilots" and no additional radios were purchased at that time. Since 2005, the number of participating security locations has grown to 36. As a result, the MPD is now short radios and has none for new officers.

We have been fortunate enough to have increased our number of officers over the past few years. We are now faced with no radios to provide to our newest officers when they graduate. The Radio Link programs would also like to expand, but doing so would mean that there would be still fewer radios for patrol officers.

The acceptance of this award will allow us to solve both of these problems and increase interoperability in the event of a disaster. The MPD will take back the radios being used by the Radio Link participants and use these grant funds to recoup costs (80%), needed to purchase 22 basic entry level radios and dedicate their use to these programs. These radios would remain with the Radio Link participants unless they were needed for immediate disaster response. The radios being used now would be reassigned to the MPD.