

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Date: March 21, 2013

SUBJECT: Glassford Hill Communication System – Shared Use

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Police Department

PREPARED BY: Bill Fessler, Chief of Police

AGENDA LOCATION: Comments/Communications , Consent , Work/Study ,
New Business , Public Hearing , Second Reading

ATTACHMENTS: a) Pictures attached

SUMMARY BACKGROUND: The Town of Prescott Valley constructed a public safety communication system on a 0.43 acre site atop Glassford Hill approximately two (2) years ago in accordance with Council Resolution 1539. The land was leased from the Arizona State Land Department and the facility was developed utilizing Town funds and grant monies from Homeland Security. The key components of the communication system include a 100 foot tower, equipment building, solar panels, batteries and a backup generator.

The total cost of the facility was approximately \$590,000 of which \$279,000 was paid for by the Homeland Security Grant. At this time, approximately 70% of the facility (tower, power, building) is available for use by other public safety agencies. The City of Prescott has expressed interest in using 7.5% of the facility to enhance their public safety services. The addition of City of Prescott to this site will also enhance our ability to communicate with the regional dispatch center through a T-1 Communication line. This will provide an economic benefit to the Town as we will be able to utilize the T-1 line and eliminate our reliance on a separate carrier service, thus eliminating monthly service charges.

Because of this, Staff is not asking City of Prescott to pay any cost of the facility construction, but will ask for a share of the annual operation and maintenance costs of the facility.

OPTION ANALYSIS: For Discussion Only.

ACTION OPTION: For Discussion Only.

RECOMMENDATION: For Discussion Only.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: N/A

REVIEWED BY:

Management Services Director _____

Town Clerk _____

Town Attorney _____

Town Manager _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to _____

