

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
Date: April 22, 2010**

SUBJECT: Arizona Interagency Radio System (“AIRS”) – Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) – Department of Public Safety (“DPS”)

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Police Department

PREPARED BY: Lieutenant Molinaro for Chief Maxson

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

ATTACHMENTS: a) MOU, b) AIRS PowerPoint

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND: AIRS has been designed to provide interoperable communications capability to first responders of police, fire, and EMS agencies, as well as other personnel of municipal, county, state, tribal, federal agencies and approved non-governmental organizations performing public safety activities. AIRS consists of a series of cross band repeater suites that allow VHF/UHF and 800 Megahertz radios to communicate with one another. There are currently thirty-five (35) sites in Arizona with additional sites planned pending budget/needs assessment.

This system will enable the Prescott Valley Police Department to communicate with virtually any agency’s personnel who happen to be within our jurisdiction assisting with a multi-agency emergency event regardless of their own/differing radio frequencies.

New handheld radios have already been programmed with the AIRS frequencies and have been enabled for use. The purchase of future vehicle mobile radios, occurring through next year’s AZDOHS Grant, will also have the requisite programming for the AIRS frequencies.

Agencies eligible to utilize AIRS frequencies are any/all governmental agencies utilizing two-way radios operated by personnel actively engaged in incident-related activities. Each participating agency shall be responsible for maintaining a Memorandum of Understanding with the SIEC for operation of the appropriate AIRS frequency.

OPTIONS ANALYSIS: Council may approve the proposed MOU with DPSOR decline to approve the MOU.

ACTION OPTION: Motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Arizona Department of Public Safety authorizing the Town to use the Arizona Interagency Radio System, and related guidelines for such use. **VOTE.**

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of this MOU.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: There is no cost to the Town associated with this MOU or utilizing the AIRS.

REVIEWED BY:

Management Services Director _____

Town Clerk _____

Town Attorney _____

Town Manager _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to _____

