

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
Date: December 8, 2011**

SUBJECT: Regionalized Communications Center

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Police Department

PREPARED BY: Candi McElhaney, Administrative Assistant for Bill Fessler, Chief of Police

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

ATTACHMENTS: (a) IGA w City of Prescott; and (b) Cost Comparison FY 2011/2012 (Schedule A)

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND: In 2005, the Tri-Cities engaged a consultant to look at a broader concept of a Regionalized Communications Center that included law enforcement and fire services. After a number of concepts were considered, a determination was made for a number of entities to enter into an IGA with the City of Prescott to create and administer such a Regionalized Center. The IGA would provide dispatching services for Prescott PD, Prescott Fire; Prescott Valley PD; Central Yavapai Fire District; Groom Creek Fire District; Mayer Fire District; Williamson Valley Fire District; Chino Valley Fire District, and the Yavapai Community College District (law enforcement division). In 2005 construction was complete on a Regionalized Dispatch Center and centralized dispatching services began.

The Tri-City Police/Fire agencies have been successfully operating dispatch services out of the Prescott Regionalized Communications Center (PRCC) since 2005. The ability to share data in “real time” has proven to assist in the enhanced safety of first responders as well as to provide an increased level of service to the public. State of the art communications equipment and software is now at the disposal of first responder agencies to include reverse 911 notifications and the ability to grow into MDC and data transmission for PVPD. Several Homeland Security Grants have been submitted and awarded which are enhancing communication interoperability between agencies. We will continue to submit for such grants to further the communication interoperability and enhance first responder safety.

OPTIONS ANALYSIS: Should the Town not approve this IGA for regionalized dispatching services, the Town would need to reinstitute a Police dispatch center at a significant cost. This would entail hiring between 12-15 dispatchers to provide double coverage 24/7, hiring a dispatch supervisor, and purchasing new dispatch consoles, radios, and other electronic equipment and software to get a dispatch center up and running. It would also require extensive remodeling of the Police Operations Building to accommodate the dispatch center.

ACTION OPTION: Motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Prescott for regionalized dispatching services commencing July 1, 2011, **OR** Motion not to approve this IGA for regionalized dispatch services. **VOTE.**

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of this IGA for regionalized dispatch services.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: Capital expenses, is amortized over 10 years, with an amount of \$43,550 for this 6th of 10 years. Operating expenses for FY 2011/2012 will be \$801,856 which can vary depending on use; and a capital console expense for FY 2011/2012 will be \$33,500. This would place the FY 2011/2012 costs at \$878,906. This total amount is included in the proposed FY 2011/2012 budget.

REVIEWED BY:

Management Services Director _____

Town Clerk _____

Town Attorney _____

Town Manager _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to _____