

**CONFIRE**

STAFF REPORT

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TO: CONFIRE Administrative Committee

SUBJECT: Purchase and Installation of VESTA Equipment

Recommendation

Approve the purchase and installation of replacement gateways for the Motorola VESTA system in the amount of \$67,665.

Background Information

On April 16, 2025, a contractor conducted underground boring beneath Miro Way and struck a live Southern California Edison line and a communications cable that included all San Bernardino County Sheriff and CONFIRE 9-1-1 telephone trunks. This contact resulted in high voltage (12-kilovolts) being introduced onto the 9-1-1 lines, causing severe damage, including melted wiring within the terminal box and multiple AT&T distribution boxes. Power to the entire Miro Way complex was disrupted as a result.

The gateways that provide the interface from analog phone lines to the digital Vesta system were damaged as a result of the incident. This has had a direct impact on CONFIRE operations, which rely on the San Bernardino County Sheriff's VESTA system for call handling. Although Motorola technicians implemented a temporary solution to restore baseline functionality, the system continues to operate in a degraded state. Full replacement of the affected gateways is essential to restore system integrity and ensure sustained operational reliability.

Fiscal Impact

The purchase of the Motorola VESTA System will cost a total of \$67,665 (\$44,478 for equipment and \$23,187 for labor). Funds from the Equipment Reserve Fund Balance (5009) will be utilized. Staff is exploring all the options to recover this cost. A claim has

been filed with California Intergovernmental Risk Authority (CIRA) for subrogation recovery services to recover CONFIRE's costs.

This purchase meets the sole source purchasing requirements as the County has standardized on Motorola equipment and products for its Public Safety Radio System and peripheral equipment. Motorola is the only manufacturer of their equipment and does not utilize resellers.

Attachments

- Motorola Solutions Quote MSI3983107
- Motorola Solutions Quote MSI3999547
- Non-Competitive Procurement Justification Form (Sole Source)