

# VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



## **BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**DATE OF MEETING: June 23, 2026**

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**To:** Village President and Board of Trustees

**Through:** Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

**From:** Bob Grabowski, Fire Chief

**Topic:** Intergovernmental Agreement – Will County

### **PURPOSE**

Over the past several years, two separate 911 dispatch centers—E-COM and SouthCom—have worked collaboratively with one another and in partnership with the State of Illinois 911 Administrator to successfully complete the consolidation of their operations into a single regional emergency communications center, the Southland Communication Center, located at 3700 W. 183rd Street in Hazel Crest, Illinois.

With the recent consolidation, Board approval of an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Will County is necessary to allow Homewood, as a member of Southland, to participate on Will County's fire frequency. This IGA will be for auto and mutual aid dispatching and communications with all Will County fire agencies. The IGA will replace any and all previous agreements and is specific to the new 800 Mhz fire frequency that both Will County and Southland are now using.

### **PROCESS**

The IGA is needed to enable Homewood to receive communications systems access with all of Will County's fire departments by radio. Homewood has already purchased the required equipment (mobile and portable radios), and is currently on the 800 Mhz system. There is no cost to approve the IGA.

### **OUTCOME**

Approval of the intergovernmental agreement will ensure continued communications with our neighboring communities in Will County.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

- **Funding Source:** N/A
- **Budgeted Amount:** N/A
- **Cost:** N/A

### **LEGAL REVIEW**

Not Required

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### **RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION**

Authorize the Village President to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Will County, Illinois to provide communications system access to the Village of Homewood.

### **ATTACHMENT(S)**

Will County IGA