



STAFF REPORT

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| MEETING DATE: | January 6, 2024 |
| MEETING TYPE: | Regular Council meeting |
| SUBMITTED BY: | S. Perry |
| AGENDA CAPTION: | [Motorola Radio project completion by: [Chief, Steve Perry] |

Background Information

We completed the P25 radio project cut over on December 5, 2024. We now have communication capability with the majority of the DFW Metroplex.

On Monday, December 16, we utilized the totality of its capabilities when I received a call from the Texas Rangers regarding the escape and subsequent crime spree of 3 juveniles from Hood County. Shortly after dispatching Hutchins PD officers to the last known location of the suspects, I was able to request an interoperability channel from FT. Worth dispatch who controls the channel assignments. Once assigned an interoperability channel, I patched that channel to Hutchins PD primary channel. This allowed our officers to continue their search and maintain vigilance without having to switch channels to communicate with the other involved agencies. Responding Hutchins officers were able to notify all other agencies physically in the area, of what channel we were utilizing for this joint effort. With this new technology, a perimeter was able to be set up utilizing numerous agencies under one incident command. Dallas PD, Dallas County, Ellis County, Dallas Constables, Texas Rangers, DPS, Lancaster PD, and DISD were able to work together to close in on these dangerous subjects. While conducting a search of the area, Detective McCowan got a visual on the suspects and began foot pursuit. Detective McCowan was able communicate their location and direction of travel to all agencies who were in the area, thus preventing further danger to the citizens of Hutchins. I have no doubt that the functionality the new radio system provides was instrumental in bringing this incident to a close.

Operational Impact

Improved communications for Police and Fire.

Legal Review

N/A

Staff Recommendation

N/A

Supporting Documentation and Attachments

N/A