



## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

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**MEETING DATE:** May 4, 2021

**ITEM TITLE:** Police Dept. Radio Replacement/Upgrade to Comply with NC VIPER Project

**ITEM SUMMARY:** Just over 10 years ago, all Dare County First Responders Agencies switched to 800mhz radios on a P25 platform. In 2018 we were informed that our current radios would be obsolete by 2025 (see attached VIPER letter). We also found that obtaining parts for our current 10+ year old radios is very difficult and expensive if you can find those needed parts. In 2019 we established a 6 year plan to gradually replace our radios with new compatible ones. We have been purchasing 2, sometimes 3 radios (mobil/car and portable/handheld radios) each year (see attached replacement schedule) in an effort to be in compliance by 2025, We also established this schedule so that it would not over burden our town budget all in one year. I have recently been advised that there may be funds available out of this FY 2020-21 budget to purchase the radios currently being requested in next years FY budget (2021-22) (see attached request).

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** If funds are currently available, I would like to request approval for the purchase of the radios listed in attachment "Radio Replacement/Upgrade through 2025" for FY 2021-22 which include 3-mobil radios-\$ 11,900.00, 4 portable radios-\$14,800.00, 1- Base station-7desk set \$27,250.00. (Installation included) total-\$53,950.00.

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Motion to authorize police department to purchase 3-mobil radios @\$ 11,900.00, 4 portable radios@\$14,800.00, 1- Base station-7 desk set @\$27,250.00. for a total of \$53,950.00, this includes installation costs.