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Novato, CA 94945

Re: Request for Waiver of Radio Moratorium

Marin County Sheriff's Office

Dear Directors:

On December 14, 2011, the MERA Board approved an Additional Radios Policy and Procedures for additional radio requests. The above entity is requesting the addition of the following radio:

Marin County Sheriff's Office

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These requests were vetted through the Operations Issues Work Group, and were found to be consistent with the above policy. Operational concerns that were identified are being addressed on an individual basis. At this time, these additional radios should not have a significant negative impact on day to day operations of the MERA system.

The Additional Radios Policy and Procedures requires the entity to pay for these radios and all costs associated with programming and alignment. In addition, training is recommended for all users before the radios are released for use. based on the end user curriculum approved by MERA. Training can be provided by the entity if they have an approved trainer on staff, or provided by Marin County Public Works staff with all costs borne by the entity.

As outlined above, the waiver of the radio moratorium for this request, for 1 radio total, is recommended.

Very truly yours,

Craig Tackabery

Attachments

MERA Operations Officer



Marin County Sheriff's Office

3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 145, San Rafael, CA 94903

ROBERT T. DOYLE Sheriff - Coroner MICHAEL J. RIDGWAY Undersheriff

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473-7233

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Maureen Cassingham, Executive Director Marin Emergency Radio Authority C/o Novato Fire Protection District Novato, CA 94945

multidisciplinary terrorism response capabilities.

ADMINISTRATION 473-7250

> Civit 473-7282

Re: Moratorium Exemption Request for the Marin County Sheriff's Office

COMMUNICATION

Dear Ms. Cassingham:

SERVICES 473-7243

CORONER

The Marin County Sheriff's Special Response Team (SRT) exists to respond to incidents that are beyond the capability of first responders. Current training for SRT members includes terrorism response scenarios as a regional asset in the North Bay. SRT participates in DHS-sponsored terrorism response exercises around the San Francisco Bay Area.

March 19, 2013

473-6043 COURTS 473-7393

The recent formation of a Hazardous Materials Unit within SRT is specifically designed to provide an initial response to incidents involving the use of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive (CBRNE) agents. This Unit works in conjunction with the Marin County Hazardous Materials Response Team, by a memorandum of understanding with the Marin County Fire Chief's Association, to provide

EMERGENCY SERVICES 473-6584

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JAIL

473-6655

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The Marin County Board of Supervisors recently approved the purchase of a vehicle designed to provide an all-risk response platform for first responders. As a Federallyfunded asset, this vehicle will require a public safety radio to effectively communicate with different agencies within the North Bay region. P25 complaint equipment (previously acquired) is available to install into this vehicle. However; an exemption to the MERA moratorium for this radio equipment is necessary so that it may be added to the network. The usage of this radio would be limited to missions of the Special Response Team and therefore the network impact would be low.

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RADIO MORATORIUM WAIVER REQUEST

Please place this request on the Agenda for the next MERA Executive Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

ROBERT T. DOYLE SHERIFF-CORONER

RTD: sjb