

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Re: Request for Waiver of Radio Moratorium

- City of Larkspur
- Falcon Critical Care Transport
- Falck Northern California/Verihealth

Accounting

Dear Directors:

Airport

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

Building Maintenance

City of Larkspur	1
Falcon Critical Care Transport	5
Falck Northern California/Verihealth	10

Capital Projects

Certified Unified Program
Agency (CUPA)

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. The above private ambulance companies are replacing services currently provided by AMR. With AMR no longer providing service, 10 radios will be removed from the system prior to the new radios being added, therefore the net gain in new private ambulance radios is 3. At this time, these additional radios should not have a significant negative impact on day to day operations of the MERA system.

Communications
Maintenance

Both Falcon Critical Care Transport and Falck Northern California/Verihealth are non-member users. On May 15, 2013, the MERA Governing Board adopted a zero rate fee schedule for Fiscal Year 2013-14 for mutual aid and automatic back-up aid agencies; therefore they would not be charged a fee.

County Garage

Disability Access

Engineering & Survey

Flood Control &
Water Resources

Land Development

Purchasing

Real Estate

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 staff with all costs borne by the entity.

Reprographic Services

Road Maintenance

Stormwater Program

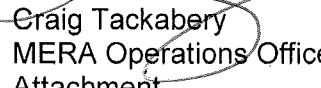
Transportation &
Traffic Operations

Waste Management

AGENDA ITEM D.1

As outlined above, the waiver of the radio moratorium for this request, for 16 radios total, is recommended.

Very truly yours,



Craig Tackabery
MERA Operations Officer
Attachment



City of Larkspur

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December 17, 2013

Craig Tackabery
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RE: Request to Add One (1) MERA Radio

Dear Craig,

The City of Larkspur's Public Works Department respectfully requests the MERA Executive Board to consider the addition of one (1) radio to the MERA system.

The additional radio would allow each of our field personnel to carry a radio on their person in the event of an emergency situation. At the present time, we are short one radio.

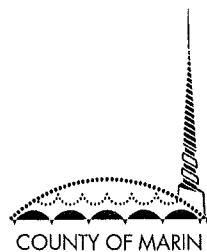
At present, our department's use of the radios is extremely minimal. Our usage, when used at all, are primarily during the week, Monday through Friday from 7 am to 3pm. Therefore, we anticipate the additional radio to have a negligible impact on the MERA system, yet a large impact on Larkspur Public Works Department's ability to respond and assist in an actual emergency.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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Director of Public Works

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January 15, 2014

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Re: Moratorium exemption request for Falcon Critical Care Transport

Dear Executive Committee:

On January 14th the Board of Supervisors authorized the EMS Agency to issue a certificate of operation to Falcon Critical Care Transport, in accordance with the provisions of Marin County Code, Chapter 7.60. While private ambulance companies in Marin primarily conduct non-emergency transports, the County does require that they be capable of responding to a 911 call upon request from County Communications. This requires that they have authorized access to the MERA system for these 911 calls only.

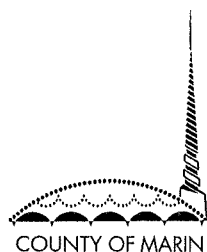
On behalf of Falcon Critical Care Transport, we request approval for up to five (5) radios for their ambulance fleet to comply with this requirement. Falcon will be financially responsible for the purchase of any equipment and programming. They also maintain a separate radio in each unit for normal company operations, which is used daily as their primary radio system. American Medical Response (AMR) has also notified the County they will be terminating operations by the end of January, so there will be increased capacity available.

Thank you in advance for your prompt response and cooperation with this request.

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Marin County EMS Agency



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