

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** October 11, 2023

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Thru:** Doug Thornley, City Manager

**Subject:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Amendment #1 to Agreement for Fire Station Alerting System with PowerComm Solutions, Inc., (POWERCOMM) for the installation of the PURVIS Fire Station Alerting Systems related to Public Safety Dispatch to increase the Not To Exceed (NTE) amount by \$11,000 for a new total NTE amount of \$361,000. (100 percent reimbursed utilizing 911 Surcharge Fund approved by 911 Emergency Response Advisory Board)

**From:** Aaron Wike, Administrative Services Manager

**Department:** Fire Department

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**Summary:**

Staff requests Council approval to increase the POWERCOMM Fire Station Alerting installation contract authority amount by \$11,000 to cover an unexpected change order necessary for installation. The change order was necessary to re-cable and move the station radios to a new location so the system can function as intended. The Fire Department required a new alerting system to replace the department's legacy system and establish reliable communications between dispatch and the fire stations during emergency calls. Staff requests Council approval to increase the POWERCOMM Fire Station Alerting installation contract authority by \$11,000 for a total not to exceed \$361,000.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

Public Safety

**Previous Council Action:**

May 11, 2022 - Council approved the contract with POWERCOMM to install Fire Station Alerting System related to Public Safety Dispatch and Reno Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$350,000. (100 percent reimbursed utilizing 911 Surcharge Fund approved by 911 Emergency Response Advisory Board)

**Discussion:**

Alerting of emergency calls and the various operational needs for fire resources is critical to dispatch services. The Station Alerting System is the primary notification system between Reno Dispatch and the Reno Fire Department resources. The Department of Information Technology, in consultation with the City of Reno's Public Safety Dispatch and Reno Fire Department personnel, evaluated several vendor systems and capabilities to find the best station emergency alerting solution for the City. Due to the City of Reno dispatch complexity and technical requirements of the Fire Station Alerting System, a change order was needed to ensure the system was installed correctly and fully operational. The approval of this contract amendment will allow the department to execute the final payment and complete the project.

**Financial Implications:**

The estimated total cost related to the installation is \$361,000 and will be funded using funds collected via the 911 surcharge. The project was presented to 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee held on Sep 23, 2021, and recommended for funding by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee in an amount not to exceed \$1,240,000. Subsequently, the Board of County Commissioners approved 911 Advisory Committee recommendation on October 12, 2021.

**Legal Implications:**

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

**Recommendation:**

Staff requests Council approval to increase the POWERCOMM Fire Station Alerting installation contract authority by \$11,000 for a total not to exceed \$361,000, and authorize the Department of Information Technology to execute purchase orders.

**Proposed Motion:**

Staff requests Council approve staff recommendation.

**Attachments:**

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