



Legislation Text

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Approval to purchase pagers for Fire Department

SUMMARY: The Crossville Fire Department requests approval to purchase 35 Unication G5 UHF Phase 2 p25 fire pagers. This acquisition is a continuation of the radio system upgrade and vital to fire department operations. Personnel will have the smaller fire pager to carry off duty and will allow the rapid notification for call-back of full-time and volunteer firefighters for major events, such as structure fires, hazardous materials events, and rescues. The pagers were budgeted in FY 16-17 with the radio system upgrade, but the required phase 2 technology was not released during that budget cycle.

The new release of the phase 2 is imminent and Unication is offering a free upgrade to all pagers bought before March 31, 2018. The price of the phase 2 pager will increase approximately \$100-150 per unit after March 31st. This acquisition will greatly enhance response capabilities and is the final leg in the radio upgrades.

The immediate need for this budget year is 35 pagers with AMK communications quoting each unit at \$665 for a total cost of \$23,275.00. Funds from "radios and pagers" and "bunker/turnout gear" will be utilized for the purchase if approved. The savings and importance for operations warrants postponing purchasing the additional turnout gear.

BUDGET ACCOUNT: 110-42200-323
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NECESSARY COUNCIL ACTION: Approve purchase of fire pagers