



CRESCENT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE CRESCENT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**SPECIAL MEETING HELD
JANUARY 26, 2023
AT 4:00 P.M.**

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Chairman Jim Nelson Director
Vice Chairman Dave Short
Director Jim Erler
Director Rick Kelley
Director Joe Gregorio

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kevin Carey, Fire Chief
Vanessa Duncan, Clerk of the Board

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Gregorio.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public comment at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Take action as necessary and appropriate.

3.1 CONSIDER AND APPROVE A 50/50 SPLIT PURCHASE WITH THE CITY FOR THERMAL IMAGERS AND RADIOS

RECOMMENDATION

1. Receive staff report and presentation
2. Take public comment

3. Board Discussion
4. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A 50/50 SPLIT PURCHASE WITH THE CITY FOR THERMAL IMAGERS AND RADIOS

Chief Carey briefed the board stating that as Firefighters, we depend on a few things for us to do our job effectively. One is our SCBA's to do work and attempt to save lives in hazardous atmospheres, and the second is our Radio/Communications equipment. He stated that the department's current radios are a hodgepodge collection of hand me downs and small purchases over the past couple of decades. We have no fewer than 3 different manufacturers and 5 different models in use. Many of our radios were given to us from various departments who, at the time, determined them to be outdated for their needs. Most of these radios are from before the 2015 merger and in the case of the Motorolas, do not have available parts or servicers to repair. He went on to say that the Department has an exciting and unique opportunity right now to really address a lacking part of our operational infrastructure. The department has had to piecemeal small purchases and hand me down radios for decades; with Measure S and the benefit assessment, we can responsibly use public supported monies to fund our dire need for radios.

The following citizen addressed the Board:

Roger Gitlin: questioned the amount of thermal imager cameras (TICs) each agency would be receiving; *Chief Carey stated both the City and the District will receive 6 handheld TICs and 1 larger TIC for the duty officer, for a total of 12 handheld and 2 larger TICs.*

Chairman Nelson questioned the difference in Motorola and Kenwood brand radios; Director Gregorio and Chief Carey spoke about the quality of the Kenwood radios, which is what most departments are currently using.

Director Erler questioned what the department would do with the older radios; Chief Carey stated that the radios would be delegated to various agencies in need, one of which would be the Fire Explorer Program.

Chief Carey explained the plan is to have a cache of radios that the volunteers would "checkout" upon arrival at a station to respond to a call and will rely on their pagers when they are not at a station.

Director Gregorio questioned the compatibility with City Police and Sherriff's office; Chief Carey noted that they most agencies are using Kenwood radios.

Directory Kelley questioned the lifespan of the Kenwood radios; Chief Carey stated that each radio has an average of 8-10 years.

Chief Carey recommended the Board go forward with the first quote to avoid making small purchases throughout the years. This will ensure the department receives the number of radios needed to operate safely and sufficiently.

The following citizen addressed the Board:

Roger Gitlin asked for clarification on the cost of the radios; *Chief Carey reported the District's share would be approximately 45,500. The City would need to approve the same amount in order to purchase a total of 60 radios, 12 handheld TICs and 2 larger TICs for Crescent City Fire & Rescue.*

On a motion by Director Gregorio, seconded by Vice Chair Short, motion carried unanimously 5/0; the Board of Directors APPROVED A BUDGET TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,500 FOR A 50/50 SPLIT PURCHASE WITH THE CITY FOR THERMAL IMAGERS AND RADIOS.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board Members of the CRESCENT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT APPROVED A BUDGET TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,500 FOR A 50/50 SPLIT PURCHASE WITH THE CITY FOR THERMAL IMAGERS AND RADIOS.

This 26th day of January 2023, by the following polled vote:

YES: 4, Chairman Nelson, Vice Chair Short, Director Gregorio, Director Eler, Director Kelley

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Nelson adjourned the meeting at 4:30pm of the Crescent Fire Protection District Board of Directors to the next regularly scheduled meeting on February 13, 2023 at 5:00PM.



Vanessa Duncan, Clerk of the Board
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