



MEMORANDUM

Donation of Handheld Radio Units and a Fire Cart to the City of Whittier

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Prepared For: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
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From: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager

The Port & Harbor is decommissioning approximately eight Motorola XTS 5000 and five XTS2500 radios that were originally purchased for use by the Homer Police Department using Homeland Security grant funds approximately 15 years ago. The units are no longer on our grant equipment inventory list with Homeland Security and we are free to re-home them. The Port, HPD, and the Fire Department have no use for these units and ProComm is wiping City data and settings from the devices. The radios were approximately \$5000 each when they were new. At this point in time they can be found for \$100 - \$500 each depending on condition. The value for this lot of radios could range between \$1300 and \$6,500. The City of Whittier's Fire Department has indicated an interest in the radios.

Additionally, the city has a fire cart that is no longer used for operations that the City of Whittier would be interested in adding to their operation. The cart was \$25,000 brand new in the 1980s, it's hard to say what the value would be today as it is a very specific piece of equipment and quite old.

Under Homer City Code § 18.30.040(b) the City Manager may donate property to another municipality when the City Council deems it advantageous to do so. I am recommending that the City Council endorse a donation of approximately thirteen Motorola radios and a decommissioned fire cart to the City of Whittier.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve endorsement of the City Manager's donation of Motorola radios and a fire cart to the City of Whittier