



# MEMORANDUM

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**Ordinance 25-45, An Emergency Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Appropriating \$11,000 from the General Fund Capital Asset Repair and Maintenance (CARMA) Fund for the Purpose of Purchasing a New Fire Department Radio Console. City Manager/Police Chief.**

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ProComm was recently in town to address some problems with our communications system. We had problems with very low volume output on the Fire Department channel one radio, known as HVFD#1. These particular radios are called consolettes. Our radio technicians turned the volume output up to the maximum setting and recommended that it be replaced as soon as possible.

If this radio fails completely we will not be able to page out the fire department to emergency calls which could cause catastrophic problems. We will be able to send this radio back to the factory for repairs. Once fixed it will allow us to have a viable spare for our system which we do not have now.

We have six radios like this one in the central bank in our communications system. They are all dedicated to various critical use channels and cannot be converted to use for HVFD#1 without serious consequences. Having a spare radio in our central bank gives us a margin of safety we do not have now. There is no other option available to solve this problem other than to purchase a new radio as soon as possible.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt an Emergency Ordinance authorizing the purchase of a new radio consolette.