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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 3, 2013

TO: Mayor and Board of County Commissioners

THRU: Bertha W. Henry, County Administrator

FROM: Alphonso Jefferson, Jr., Assistant to the County Administrator

SUBJECT: **Status on the Implementation of the Consolidated Regional E911 Communications System**

As you are aware, county staff with input from municipalities and the Broward County Sheriff's Office (BSO) has been working diligently to create the Consolidated Regional E-911 Communications System, effective October 1, 2013. A final voluntary municipal Participation Agreement and an updated Regional Interlocal Agreement outlining the technology responsibilities for the parties have been issued to municipalities for execution.

To date, five (5) municipalities have executed the agreements: Coconut Creek; Lauderhill; Margate; West Park; and Town of Southwest Ranches. Several municipalities have the agreements scheduled for approval and execution. Attached is an agreement tracking sheet for your use. This document will be updated and distributed as information is received. Municipalities must sign the agreements by September 30, 2013, in order to receive call-taking, teletype (queries only) and dispatching services funded by the County starting October 1, 2013.

In addition, we have finalized the language in the lease agreements to use the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) in the cities of Coconut Creek, Pembroke Pines and Sunrise. To date, the City of Coconut Creek has approved all the necessary agreements to join the Consolidated System and to serve as a Host PSAP location. The final Host PSAP locations will not be determined until the number of participants in the system is known.

Our original planning efforts included twenty-nine (29) municipalities along with the Unincorporated Area, Port Everglades and Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International

Airport for participation in the Consolidated System. As you are aware, the cities of Coral Springs and Plantation have indicated that they will not be participating; though should their circumstances change, we will work to accommodate them as soon as it is practical to do so.

On another note, we have made progress with BSO on the operator agreement; however, this agreement has not been finalized. Both sides continue to work in good faith to complete an agreement by mid-September as it is critical that municipalities and affected employees know who the Operator of the system will be so that the employee transfers can be effectuated. We will keep you apprised of our progress.

We continue to answer questions from municipalities and the affected employees. However, there are still some unknowns. As we continue to work through the remaining outstanding issues, we are developing alternate plans to ensure that implementation can remain on track.

If you have any questions or require a briefing, please contact me.

Attachment

cc: Sheriff Scott Israel, Broward Sheriff's Office
Joni Armstrong Coffey, County Attorney
Rob Hernandez, Deputy County Administrator
Rick Carpani, Director, Office of Communications Technology
Municipal Managers