CONSENT AGENDA **CITY COUNCIL**
AUGUST 26, 2003

To: Mayor and City Council

From: George J. Rodericks, City Manager

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION OF THE 800 MHz COUNTYWIDE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

BACKGROUND

In early 1996, the City of Villa Park, as well as 30 other cities, the Orange County Fire Authority, and the County of Orange, executed the 800 MHz Joint Agreement for the Implementation and Operation of the Orange County 800 MHz Countywide Coordinated Communications System (CCCS).

Implementation of the 800 MHz CCCS provides enhanced capabilities to the public safety and public works communities. However, it is a very complex system that since its inception has increased from 50 to 500 base stations, 3 to 33 computers, 10 radio sites to 24 radio sites, 8-hour system watch to a 24-hour system watch, and a tripling of microwave equipment.

Section 15 of the Agreement called for the County, cities, and the Fire Authority to share in the cost of the backbone system expenses effective January 1, 2000. The implementation of the backbone cost-sharing allocation was delayed due to the delay in full implementation of the system and the time needed to reach a resolution of the cost-sharing issues. An agreement has now been reached on what costs are to be included and how those costs are to be allocated based on radio counts.

During the past few months, the County, 31 cities, and the Fire Authority have been negotiating deal points on the proposed amendment. These deal points were approved by the 800 MHz Governance Committee on April 24th, the Orange County City Manager's Association on May 7th, and the Board of Supervisors on May 13th. An amendment to the agreement was negotiated by the City Manager's representatives and legal counsel, with the Board of Supervisor's approval authorized on June 24th. The attached amendment is now before each of the 34 City Councils and the Orange County Fire Authority for ratification.

FISCAL IMPACT

The County has provided a spreadsheet that reflects the number of mobile and portable radios and control stations operating on the 800 MHz CCCS by City department. This is attached as Attachment B. There are a total of 12 units in the City of Villa Park – six for the Sheriff and six for Public Works. For the City of Villa Park, the 2002/2003 cost is $1,411. The agreement allows for this cost to be amortized over a period of 5 years,

commencing July 1, 2003 or paid at once. The 2003/2004 cost-sharing allocation is $2,324.

Funds are available within the City's High Tech Law Enforcement Equipment Budget to meet this obligation in its entirety totaling $3,735 (Fiscal Year 2002/2003 & 2003/2004.

The cost-sharing negotiated for the amendment represents a fair and reasonable assessment, with the County accepting more financial responsibility than reflected in its radio counts. In Fiscal Year 2003/2004, the County will be paying 51% of the backbone cost-sharing expenses, yet has only 26.6% of the radio equipment.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council approve the terms of the Amendment to the Joint Agreement for the Implementation and Operation of the Orange County 800 MHz Countywide Coordinated Communications System and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.