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The Honorable Budget and Finance Committee
c/o City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
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Honorable Members:

In response to the request by the Public Safety Committee of October 4, 2005, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) has prepared this report which details the efforts of the LAPD in achieving communications interoperability between various City Departments and outside public safety agencies. The LAPD is very interested in improving the interoperability of its communications systems and this fact is illustrated by the various interoperability measures that have been implemented recently and over the past few years.

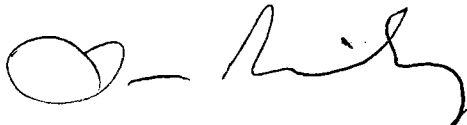
- Since the acquisition of the higher channel capacity Motorola Astro radios in 1995, LAPD has implemented a frequency sharing agreement among numerous other agencies within Los Angeles County. This agreement allows the various agencies, including LAPD, to use another agency's radio frequency in the event that it is necessary to coordinate with that respective agency.
- The LAPD has provided voice radio system access to several public safety agencies that operate within the City of Los Angeles. Among the agencies are Los Angeles City Fire Department, Los Angeles Port Police, Department of General Services Police, Los Angeles Unified School District Police, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD), and others.
- In 2002, the LAPD along with the LASD set the groundwork for what is now known as the Los Angeles Regional Tactical Communication System (LARTCS). The LARTCS Committee is a consortium of local, state, and federal public safety entities with the common goal of establishing interoperable public safety communications.

- The LAPD along with numerous other public safety agencies in Southern California participate in the coordination and usage of five mutual aid radio frequencies. The use of these frequencies facilitates radio communications between those agencies. Twice a week, the LAPD, along with other local, state, and federal agencies participate in a radio interoperability test that is conducted by LASD.
- The LAPD has recently purchased three vehicles which are equipped with the Raytheon JLS-ACU1000, which is a hardware device that is used to facilitate radio communications between voice radios using disparate bands and frequencies.
- The Department has published the use of the LAPD Access Channel. This is a pre-determined voice radio frequency known to other agencies (both City and outside), which may be utilized by those agencies to contact the LAPD. This channel is continuously monitored by Communications Division.

The LAPD is a participant in the Public Safety Radio Communications Interoperability Project that is being conducted by RCC Consultants, Inc. The LAPD concurs with Information Technology Agency's (ITA) recommendation that we wait for the results of this study before any further statements regarding needs assessment or options and cost data are made.

Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Riley', written over a horizontal line.

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