



Agenda Item Summary

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Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) No. FM1134 – Transfer of Radio Equipment from the Florida Department of Financial Services, Division of State Fire Marshal, to Alachua County

Presenter:

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Description:

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) No. FM1134 – Transfer of Radio Equipment from the Florida Department of Financial Services, Division of State Fire Marshal, to Alachua County to be used by the Department of Fire Rescue

Recommended Action:

Approve Resolution and Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) No. FM1134 to transfer radio equipment from the Florida Department of Financial Services, Division of State Fire Marshal, to Alachua County

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

There is no direct financial obligation for acquisition; however, the County assumes responsibility for all maintenance, repair, and operational costs associated with the equipment upon transfer. Any expenses for maintaining the cache would be funded through the recurring legislative budget of \$16,500.00 annually (fund to be determined once grant agreement is received).

Strategic Guide:

Public Safety

Background:

The Florida Department of Financial Services, Division of State Fire Marshal (Department), previously received the radio equipment and accessories listed in Appendix A from the Division of Emergency Management through Memorandum of Agreement No. FM1031. Alachua County Fire Rescue (ACFR) has coordinated with the Department to acquire full possession and ownership of this equipment to enhance its emergency response capabilities. ACFR has already had possession of this cache for many years; this agreement formally transfers the equipment out of the Department's inventory and into County inventory. The transfer of ownership requires a formal agreement to clearly document responsibilities, usage restrictions, and liability.

Memorandum of Agreement No. FM1134 establishes that ACFR will assume all maintenance, repair, and associated costs for the equipment, while the Department relinquishes any further responsibility. The equipment will be used exclusively for planning, training, exercises, and deployment to major emergencies and disasters affecting the State of Florida, supporting statewide Mutual Aid Radio Cache (MARC) capabilities. This agreement supersedes all prior agreements related to the equipment and formalizes the terms of the transfer between the Department and Alachua County.