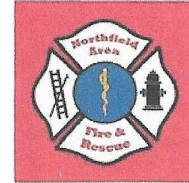




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## Memo

**To:** JPA Parties  
Ben Martig – City of Northfield  
Dean Odette Rural Fire Protection District  
Janelle Teppen – City of Dundas

**From:** Tom Nelson, Fire Chief/Fire Code Official

**Date:** September 24, 2024,

**Subject:** NAFRS 2024 Capital Budget - Amendment

The Board of the Northfield Area Fire and Rescue Service has approved a FY2024 capital budget amendment. We request that each of the JPA Parties approve the of \$42,525 for 2024.

Attached is the staff report and the budget detail with breakdown. The Rural Fire Protection District approved this at their September meeting. From discussions with administrators Teppen and Martig, I'll send invoices apportioned amount. If there is interest in having me appear at the respective city councils, please advise.

## **Northfield Area Fire and Rescues Services Joint Powers Board – 9/19/2024**

**To:** Joint Powers Board

**From:** Tom Nelson – NAFRS Fire Chief

**Title:** 2024 Capital Budget Amendment Request – Encrypted Portables & MDC

### **Action Requested:**

The Northfield Area Fire and Rescue Service chief staff requests consideration of an amendment to the 2024 NAFRS budget.

**Summary Report:** As discussed in the September NAFRS Finance Committee, the Rice County law enforcement agencies have now approved a date that their LE MAIN radio channel will move to encrypted operation. Currently, and since NFD/NAFRS has had radios, fire responders have been able to monitor the law enforcement radio channel by scanning. This provides real-time intel from arriving law enforcement officers and deputies.

The encryption move, also mandated by BCA/FBI due to sensitive records information, will eliminate NAFRS Chief Staff from directly hearing that size-up information. Without purchasing encrypted radios for chiefs, Dispatch would need to hear, and update Fire with the field observations by law enforcement.

This budget amendment will allow the requisite portable and mobile radios be purchased to maintain chief staff's ability to monitor and communicate with law enforcement in Rice County.

Additionally, this amendment proposed funding the mobile data computer (MDC) for the new Assistant Chief Silverado.

This was approved by Northfield Rural Protection District at their meeting last week based on discussion at NAFRS Finance committee.

**Alternatives:** As noted above, purchases can be pushed to a future budget year or not approved at all.

**Financial Impacts:** See attached spreadsheet

**Tentative Timelines:** Order placed ASAP due to lead time. Disbursement in calendar 2024.

Motorola Encrypted Mobiles & Portables	Mobile Trunk	Mobile Dual Head	Consolette	Portable	
Totals	1	1	0	3	
Unit Cost	\$ 6,500	\$ 7,000	\$ 17,500	\$ 7,500	
					Grand Total
	\$ 6,500	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 22,500	\$ 36,000

MDCs		8125	8115	8110	8120	8102V	Totals	
Central Square one-time license	\$ 1,000					1	1	\$ 1,000
Toughbook	\$ 2,500					1	1	\$ 2,500
Dock, Power supply etc.	\$ 1,000					1	1	\$ 1,000
Cradlepoint	\$ 1,600					1	1	\$ 1,600
Sharkfin antenna	\$ 425					1	1	\$ 425
Install	\$ 1,000						0	\$ -
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								\$ 6,525

Chief Staff - Encrypted Radios & 8101V & 8102V MDC	Project Total	City of Northfield	Rural Fire District	City of Dundas
ARMER Mobile & Portable Replacement with Encryption	\$ 36,000	\$ 26,278	\$ 7,449	\$ 2,273
Mobile Data Computers in first-in apparatus (Fire & Rescue)	\$ 6,525	\$ 4,763	\$ 1,350	\$ 412
	<b>\$ 42,525</b>	<b>\$ 31,041</b>	<b>\$ 8,799</b>	<b>\$ 2,685</b>

Apportioned percentages in place 2024 & 2025

Northfield	72.99%
Rural	20.69%
Dundas	<u>6.31%</u>