

# TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: November 12, 2019

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To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

From: Nicholas Caristo, Chief of Police

Re: Payment to Municipal Public Safety Communications Consortium (MPSCC) of Palm Beach County, Inc. for FY 2020 Operating Costs  
**Resolution No. 125-2019**

Date: October 7, 2019

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## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends Town Council approve purchase order and payment in the amount of \$82,442.69 to the Municipal Public Safety Communications Consortium (MPSCC) of Palm Beach County, Inc. for the Town's share of the MPSCC's FY 2019 Operating Costs as detailed in Exhibit A and subject to approval of Fiscal Year 2020 Budget.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Town of Palm Beach is a charter member of the MPSCC which oversees the regional inter-agency Harris Open Sky radio system. As a participating member, the Town is obligated to pay operating costs as set forth in the "Third Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Establishing the Municipal Public Safety Communications Consortium (MPSCC) of Palm Beach County" (approved by Resolution No. 20-2011 at the April 12, 2011, Town Council Meeting).

The Open Sky Radio system built by Harris Corp, serviced by Citation Communications and managed by the Town in conjunction with MPSCC partners is providing a reliable and effective radio system for use by member agencies of the Consortium, including the Palm Beach Police (since 2010) and Fire-Rescue (since 2011) Departments. Eight (8) other local law enforcement agencies (West Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Jupiter, Atlantis, Juno, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Palm Beach County School Board and North Palm Beach) make up the remaining Consortium members.

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**FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT**

Annual cost percentages are based on member usage/radios and other criteria agreed on by consortium members. The cost per radio for FY2020 to participate in the consortium is approximately \$350. The Town's share of the FY 2020 MPSCC Operating Cost is \$82,442.69. This represents an increase of \$45.61 from the previous year's total of \$82,397.08.

This expense is shared proportionally with the Fire Rescue Department (65% Police = \$53,587.75 and 35% Fire Rescue = \$28,854.94) in order to more accurately reflect true cost of operating expenses for each organization. Budget allocations have been included in both Police and Fire-Rescue FY2020 Proposed Budgets.

**PURCHASING REVIEW**

This is not a purchasing related item, as payment is a requirement of the consortium, and therefore approval is not required.

**TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW**

The Town Attorney has reviewed this resolution and approved for legal form and sufficiency.

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Attachments

cc: Jane LeClainche, Finance Director  
Darrel Donatto, Fire Rescue Chief  
Dean Mealy, Purchasing Manager  
John C. Randolph, Town Attorney