

# **PUBLIC SAFETY TRUNKED RADIO SYSTEM (TRS)**

**AUGUST 29, 2011**

# DISCUSSION POINTS

- System Subscribers
- History
- GRU
- System Value
- Projected Cost
- System Life
- Vendor Proposals
- Summary & Recommendations

# SYSTEM SUBSCRIBERS

- Alachua County Government
- City of Gainesville Government
- Alachua County Sheriff's Office
- ACSO Department of the Jail
- Alachua County Dept of Public Safety
- City of Waldo Police
- Gainesville Police
- Gainesville Fire-Rescue
- University of Florida Police
- Santa Fe College Police
- City of Newberry Fire Dept.

# System Subscribers

- City of High Springs Fire Rescue
- City of High Springs Police
- GRU Electric, Water, Waste Water Operations
- City and County Public Works
- School Board of Alachua County
- Gainesville/Alachua Co. Regional Airport Authority.
- City of Gainesville Regional Transit System
- City of Alachua Police
- Alachua County Health Dept.
- Shands Health Care ER
- VA Emergency Room

# HISTORY

- Prior to 1999 on VHF and UHF radio communications systems
- There was no ability to share radio channels
- No interoperable communications
- Very limited coverage
- In 1999 interlocal signed by COG, County Govt, UF, and GRU
- In 2000 1<sup>st</sup> phase go live with City towers for GPD and GFR
- 2001 County towers go live with additional tower sites for ASO, ACDPS and others

# GRU AGREEMENT

- Interlocal Agreement established on November 9, 1999
- The Agreement ends September 30, 2015
- Set specific criteria for performance
- Termination for non-performance only
- Controlled Cost
- Established the Radio Management Board

# System Value

## ➤ Interoperability

### ➤ Model system sought by other communities

➤ All LE; all EMS & Fire within Alachua Co are on the same radio system allowing interoperable communications

### ➤ Nationwide mutual aid channels

➤ 8CALL90 & 8TAC91

## ➤ Infrastructure

### ➤ 6 tower sites

➤ High Springs, Phifer, Millhopper, GPD, WYKS, Austin Cary Forest

## ➤ Management

### ➤ Radio Management Board (RMB)

### ➤ Maintenance

➤ 24 hour 7 day per week system monitoring by GRUCom NOC

# System Life

- 6809 Smartnet Controller  
End of Motorola support was December 31, 2008
- 6809 Smartzone Controller
- Not Project 25 (P25) compliant
- The support agreement with GRU ends  
September 30, 2015



# Vendor Proposals

- Motorola
  - Forklift solution
  - \$13.4M
- Tyco
  - Forklift solution
  - \$12M
- Raytheon
  - Firmware solution
  - \$4.5M

# ALTERNATIVES

- Replace the Trunk Radio System 12 to 13 million by Sept.2015.
- The State Law Enforcement Radio system (SLERS) only has 2 radio channels and is not P25 compliant (2018)
- Extend the life of the current trunked radio system with GRU.

# TIMELINE

- The current radio system will be at the end of its useable life\* by September 30, 2015
- It is reasonable to expect the build time for a new radio system to be 8 to 10 months
- The time to bid and select a vendor could take up to six months
- The time to select a consultant and design a new radio system: six months to one year.
- A decision should be made by Fiscal Year 2012

# CRITICAL DECISION POINTS

- A solution to a project of this magnitude, cost, and complexity should be decided by FY12
- New interlocal agreement ASAP
- Identify all partners who will help fund the system
- Hire a consultant ?

# TRS System Upgrade Proposal

- Replace Current Controllers with New Switches
- Upgrade/Replace Consoles
- Meet P25 Requirements
- Extend Technological Life of System to 2018
- Reduced Radio Subscription Rate
- New Interlocal Agreement - Extend Contract

# Pricing Options

- |           | <u>Radio Fee</u> | <u>Console Fee</u> | <u>Console Status</u> | <u>Console Owner</u> |
|-----------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Existing  | \$63.12/mo*      | \$252.48/mo*       | Upgrade               | Users                |
| Pricing 2 | \$53.00/mo*      | \$275.00/mo*       | New                   | GRUCom               |
| Pricing 3 | \$53.00/mo*      | \$250.00/mo*       | New                   | Users**              |
- \* Initial Price
  - \*\* Users Purchases Consoles

**QUESTIONS?**

# SUMMARY