



**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
Inter-Office Communication

To: Chief Jones  
Via Chain of command

Date: March 3, 2014

From: Sgt. Raulerson

Subject: Police Motorcycle Radios

I am requesting that consideration be given to replace the remaining three (3) police motorcycle radios. The original radios were purchased in 2000 and after 14 years the wear is starting to show. It is extremely difficult to see the channel display which makes changing channels tricky.

The use of portable radios has been tried in the mid 1990s with poor results. Once the motorcycle is underway, the radio cannot be heard due to the engine noise. A police motorcycle officer needs to use both hands and feet to operate the bike. The throttle and clutch are constantly being used while in motion. Having to reach for a portable radio greatly reduces the riders' efficiency during this time and would limit the channels a rider could use. The installation of a mounted radio with built in boom mike is a necessity. The boom mikes are currently used by GPD motor officers and permits the ability to never have to take their hands off the handlebars to operate the radio.

We currently still use the motorcycles in Alachua County and travel outside the county several times a year using the state radio bands. I would request that we use \$12,995.25 in Federal forfeiture funds for the purchase.

Law enforcement radios are a permissible expense under USDOJ guidelines in the Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law enforcement Agencies on page 17 at the below listed URL.

<http://www.justice.gov/criminal/afmls/pubs/pdf/04-2009guide-equit.pdf>

*A SAFETY AND PERFORMANCE PRIORITY ESSENTIAL TO THE JOBS THEY DO. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. [Signature] 03/03/2014.*

*JR Agree 3-14-14*

*CHIEF, TRAPAC SAFETY TEAM HAS MADE SEVERAL TIMES AND THIS REQUEST IS A SIGNIFICANT WFO. CAPT. POSAY*

*CALLER... FORWARD TO CAPT. SCOTT 03/11/14*

*Maybe end of year 03-11-14*