

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP
JANUARY 27, 2009 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
ETSB Interoperable Radio Network	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	David Fieldman Village Manager

SYNOPSIS

A resolution has been prepared supporting the creation of the DuPage Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) Interoperable Radio Network.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Village's Strategic Plan identifies the *Provision of Emergency Response* as one of the primary businesses of the Village of Downers Grove.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the February 3, 2009 consent agenda.

BACKGROUND

The DuPage ETSB oversees emergency dispatch services for several municipalities and fire protection districts in DuPage County. The ETSB is funded by a surcharge that appears on the telephone bills for residents and businesses located within DuPage County.

Since 2007, the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC) and the ETSB have been working cooperatively on the Interoperable Radio Network Project. The primary goal of this project is to create a single radio network that can be used by all emergency response agencies throughout DuPage County. At present, each emergency response agency uses their own radio network and these individual radio networks are not capable of communicating with each other. A steering committee consisting of members from the DMMC, ETSB, the County and DuPage municipalities and fire districts was created to oversee the design of the radio network and the implementation of the project. Currently, the radio network is scheduled to be in operation in 2012, and the ETSB is planning to pay for the design of the radio network and the purchase of radios and other communication hardware necessary to operate the network. Upon implementation of the radio network, the Village would receive radios and equipment at no cost to the Village.

There are several long term operational and cost issues which need to be addressed. Issues include administration, governance, funding and management of the radio network. DMMC and ETSB, with the help of the steering committee, are drafting an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) that would address these outstanding issues. Thus far, the Village has paid a total of \$940 for its share of the cost of the preparation of the IGA. Upon completion, the IGA would be presented to the Village Council for review and consideration. The financial impact to the Village will be known prior to the time the Village Council considers the IGA. The DMMC and ETSB have requested that each DuPage County municipality

approve the attached resolution supporting the creation of the IGA and the use of ETSB funds for the design and purchase of the system.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STAKEHOLDER INPUT AND PUBLIC SAFETY FOCUS
FOR THE DU PAGE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD AND THE
INTEROPERABLE RADIO NETWORK**

WHEREAS, the DuPage Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) was created to oversee the emergency dispatch services for many municipalities and fire protection districts in DuPage County as required by Illinois State statute in 50 ILCS 750/15.4; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Downers Grove is located within the DuPage ETSB service area; and

WHEREAS, the DuPage ETSB By-Laws specify that the ETSB will consist of representatives of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, Du-Comm, the DuPage Chiefs of Police, the DuPage Fire Chiefs, the DuPage County Sheriff, the County of DuPage, and the at-large public within the DuPage ETSB service area; and

WHEREAS, the ETSB has entered into the Interoperable Radio Network Project with the goal of achieving interoperable communications between police, fire, public works, and other emergency response personnel throughout DuPage County, and similar entities neighboring DuPage County; and

WHEREAS, the ETSB established a Steering Committee to oversee implementation of the Project, chaired by a municipal manager and including representatives from the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, the DuPage Chiefs of Police, DuPage Fire Chiefs, DuPage municipal public works directors, and the DuPage County Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2007, the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference membership adopted a Statement of Interoperability outlining the municipal view of this Project with specific expectations and goals including:

The Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) has provided funding for the “backbone” of an interoperability system, but the oversight of the implementation of this system must be shared between the ETSB, the Interoperability Steering Committee, the DuPage County Department of Homeland Security, and the municipal stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the expertise needed for all ETSB activity, including actions related to the Project, can be gathered exclusively from the ETSB stakeholders and public safety organizations; and

WHEREAS, these same entities, through the Steering Committee and the ETSB are responsible for the positive progress that has been achieved thus far on the Project; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate feasibility and success of the Project is completely dependent on cooperation from municipalities and fire protection districts that would be participants in the Interoperable Radio Network; and

WHEREAS, commitment by user groups to join the Interoperable Radio Network is essential at the start of the Project to ensure that the investments made in the foundational infrastructure of the system are worthwhile and beneficial;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Downers Grove supports creation of an Intergovernmental Agreement with provisions governing administration, governance, funding, and management of the Interoperable Radio Network; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Intergovernmental Agreement should include a provision whereby signatories are committed to ultimately joining as users of the Interoperable Radio Network; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Downers Grove supports the use of ETSB funds, to the extent available and agreed to by the above-mentioned stakeholders, to support the purchase of necessary consoles and subscriber radio units for use by public safety jurisdictions participating in the Interoperable Radio Network; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Downers Grove strongly opposes any alteration of the structure of the ETSB, especially any addition of ETSB members that would dilute the current authority or rebalance the proportional representation of the stakeholders and public safety entities currently participating with the ETSB and the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the members of the ETSB and the ETSB Interoperable Radio Network Steering Committee, the DuPage County Board Chairman and members of the DuPage County Board, the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, the DuPage Fire Chiefs Association, the DuPage Chiefs of Police Association, the DuPage County Sheriff, and the Du-Comm Executive Director.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Village of Downers Grove on this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Ronald L. Sandack, Mayor

Passed:
Published:

Attest:

April Holden, Village Clerk