

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(E)(2)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodríguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 3, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution retroactively approving the terms of and authorizing the County Mayor's execution of the 800 Interlocal Agreement between Miami-Dade County, through the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department, and Palm Beach County for interoperable communications among public safety and general government agencies, for a five-year term with two options to renew each for an additional five-year term, at no cost to the County; and authorizing the County Mayor to exercise the provisions contained in the agreement, provided that any such amendments are consistent with the purpose provided herein

Resolution No. R-1066-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Miami-Dade Fire and Rescue Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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Memorandum



Date: December 3, 2024

To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodríguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor 

Subject: Resolution seeks Retroactive Approval and Authorization for Miami-Dade County, through Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department, to execute the 800 Interlocal Agreement with Palm Beach County for Interoperable Communications

Summary

This item seeks retroactive approval and authorization for Miami-Dade County, through Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department to execute the 800 Interlocal Agreement with Palm Beach County for interoperable communications among public safety and general government agencies. The purpose of the agreement is to set terms under which Palm Beach County will grant access to the Common Talk Groups to provide interoperable communications among public safety and general government agencies. The agreement also identifies the conditions of use, the monitoring requirements, and authorization for Miami-Dade County to participate in the operational decisions relating to the use of the Common Talk Groups. The no cost agreement is for an initial term of five years and may be renewed for two additional five-year terms each. The agreement commenced on April 1, 2024.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the attached resolution retroactively authorizing the County Mayor's or County Mayor's designee's execution of the 800 Interlocal Agreement, between Palm Beach County and Miami-Dade County, by and through Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department. It is further recommended that this Board authorize the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute amendments to the agreement, and to exercise the renewal and termination provisions contained therein, provided that such amendments do not alter the purpose of the agreement.

Scope

The item has a countywide impact.

Delegated Authority

The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee has delegated authority to execute the 800 Interlocal Agreement with Palm Beach County. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee also has delegated authority to execute all necessary documents and agreements as well as to exercise the provisions contained in the interlocal agreement, said agreements and documents, provided that any amendments to such agreements and documents are for the purposes described herein and have been approved by the County Attorney's Office for form and legal sufficiency.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

This item has no fiscal impact to the County.

Track Record/ Monitor

The award will be monitored by MDR Division Chief of Communications, Wilbert Hall, or other supervisory personnel as designated.

Background

The ability to provide interoperable communications is critical to the effective and efficient provision of public safety and general government services. The problem of incompatible radio systems was made apparent in Florida during Hurricane Andrew in 1992 and in subsequent natural and man-made disaster scenarios. To use communications equipment and systems effectively in all types of public safety communications, first responders must have access to channels used for multi-disciplinary and multi-jurisdictional response. Planning radio channel usage and programming interoperability channels into radios in advance of an emergency or planned event enhances preparedness. Interoperability in the form of mutual aid to adjacent jurisdictions or assistance to distant areas suffering a major disaster requires advanced planning, including interoperable communications pre-programming.

As the largest fire department in the State of Florida, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue have often been asked to support operations at other fire departments across jurisdictional lines. The Agreement provides radio interoperability between all parties and set forth the parameters under which Miami-Dade County will have access to the Common Talk Groups established on Palm Beach County system to provide interoperable communications among public safety and general government agencies. This agreement also identifies the condition of use, the monitoring requirements, and the ability of Miami-Dade County to participate in the operational decisions relating to the Common Talk Groups.

for



James Reyes
Chief of Public Safety



MEMORANDUM (Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodríguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 3, 2024

FROM: 
Glen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(E)(2)

Please note any items checked.

- _____ **"3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised**
- _____ **6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**
- _____ **4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**
- _____ **Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**
- _____ **Budget required**
- _____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**
- _____ **Statement of social equity required**
- _____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing**
- _____ **No committee review**
- _____ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3) (h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c) (2) ____) to approve**
- _____ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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12-3-24

RESOLUTION NO. R-1066-24

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY APPROVING THE TERMS OF AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR'S OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE'S EXECUTION OF THE 800 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, THROUGH THE MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT, AND PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS AMONG PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM WITH TWO OPTIONS TO RENEW EACH FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE-YEAR TERM, AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE AGREEMENT, PROVIDED THAT ANY SUCH AMENDMENTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSE PROVIDED HEREIN

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Approves the foregoing recital, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Retroactively approves the 800 Interlocal Agreement, in substantially the form attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, between Miami-Dade County, through the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department, and Palm Beach County to provide interoperable communications among public safety and general government agencies for the purpose of providing mutual assistance and planning and execution of on-scene operations, at no cost to the County. The agreement is for a five-year term, commencing April 1, 2024, and ending on March 30, 2029, with two options to renew each for an additional five-year term.

Section 3. Retroactively authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute the 800 Interlocal Agreement. This Board further authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to exercise the provisions contained in said agreement, including amendment provisions, provided that any such amendments to the Interlocal Agreement are consistent with the purpose provided in section 2.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Kevin Marino Cabrera** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Kionne L. McGhee** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodríguez, Chairman	aye		
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	absent
Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye	Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye
Keon Hardemon	absent	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	absent	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of December, 2024. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "SG" followed by a horizontal line.

Shanika A. Graves

Miami-Dade County/Talk Group

800 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, by and between PALM BEACH COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida ("County") and MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida ("Miami-Dade").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the County and Miami-Dade are continually identifying more effective service delivery methods which result in enhanced public safety services and overall savings to the taxpayers of the County and Miami-Dade; and

WHEREAS, the County has purchased, designed, installed, and operates a Public Safety Radio System that supports the needs of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, Palm Beach County Emergency Medical Services, and various Palm Beach County general government agencies; and

WHEREAS, the County and Miami-Dade have determined that the ability to provide interoperable communications is critical to the effective and efficient provision of public safety and general government services; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined to be mutually beneficial to both Parties to execute this Agreement which sets forth the parameters under which Miami-Dade can access the Common Talk Groups established on the County's Public Safety Radio System to receive the public safety benefit of interoperability; and

WHEREAS, Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, permits public agencies to enter into Agreements to jointly exercise any power, privilege or authority which such agencies share in common and which each might exercise separately.

NOW THEREFORE, in conjunction with the mutual covenants, promises and representations contained herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth the parameters under which the County will provide access to the Common Talk Groups established on the County System specifically to provide interoperable communications among public safety and general government agencies capable of accessing this feature of the County System. This Agreement also identifies the conditions of use, the monitoring requirements, and ability of Miami-Dade to participate in the operational decisions relating to the use of the Common Talk Groups.

SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS

2.01 Common Talk Groups: Talk groups established on the County's System that are made available to County agencies, municipalities and other non-County agencies for interoperable communications between agencies for the purpose of providing mutual assistance and planning and execution of on-scene operations.

2.02 County Talk-Groups: Talk groups established on the County's System that are made available to County agencies providing for inter-departmental communications. These talk groups are reserved for particular departments/agencies and only available to outside departments by separate agreements.

2.03 Miami-Dade Equipment: Also known as "agency radios," are Miami-Dade owned P25 compliant handheld and mobile radios and control stations that operate in the 800 MHz spectrum that have the ability to be programmed and used on the County's System.

2.04 Radio Alias: The unique name assigned to an operator's radio that displays on the dispatcher's console when a radio transmits.

2.05 SmartZone Controller: The SmartZone Controller is the central computer that controls the operation of the County's Public Safety Radio System. The SmartZone Controller manages access to System features, functions, and talk-groups.

2.06 System: The Public Safety Radio System funded, purchased, installed, maintained and owned by the County.

2.07 System Manager: An employee within the County's Electronic Services & Security Division of the Department of Facilities Development & Operations with the title Radio System Manager who is responsible for day to day administration and management of the System and the County's designated contact person pursuant to various sections of this Agreement.

SECTION 3: ADMINISTRATION

3.01 System Contact. The Palm Beach County Electronic Services & Security Division's System Manager will be Miami-Dade's day to day contact and can be reached at 561-233-0837. The Electronic Services & Security Division is staffed from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding County holidays. After hours emergency contact will be made through the County's Emergency Operations Dispatch Center at 561-712-6428 and the appropriate contact will be made.

3.02 CRSSC. The System Maintenance and Administration Plan as referenced on Attachment I hereto, identifies the general procedures for the management of the System and procedures for input through the user committees into operating procedure development. The plan establishes the Countywide Radio System Steering Committee (CRSSC), which is

responsible for overseeing and implementing the policies and procedures for the County's System.

3.03 Compliance with System Policies and Procedures. Miami-Dade shall follow all policies and standard operating procedures in place at the time of this Agreement as well as those developed in the future and issued to Miami-Dade by the System Manager. Miami-Dade agrees to comply with any enforcement actions required by these policies and procedures for misuse or abuse of the County's System.

SECTION 4: COUNTY SYSTEM & RESPONSIBILITIES

4.01 County System. The County System consists of eleven (11) transmit and receive sites with co-located microwave equipment and three (3) microwave only sites that provide network connectivity as well as the SmartZone Controller.

4.02 Coverage for Common Talk Groups. The County System provides seamless County-wide portable and mobile radio coverage for the Common Talk Groups. The radio coverage for the Common Talk Groups is identical to that of other County Talk Groups that reside on the County's System.

4.03 County Responsibilities for System Maintenance and Operations. The County shall be responsible for the maintenance and operation of the County's System, including all costs associated with permitting and licensing.

4.04 Scheduled Outages. The County shall maintain the coverage as described in the County's contract with Motorola R2015-1673, dated 11/17/15, throughout the term of this Agreement except for times of scheduled preventive maintenance, where it will be required to disable portions of the network for a pre-determined length of time or during times of system failures. Miami-Dade shall be notified of scheduled preventive maintenance, pursuant to the policies and procedures referenced on Attachment I hereto.

4.05 Management. The County shall be responsible for talk group and fleet mapping management in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth on Attachment I, as may be amended and updated from time to time.

SECTION 5: MIAMI-DADE EQUIPMENT AND RESPONSIBILITIES

5.01 Miami-Dade Equipment. Miami-Dade's equipment will be P25 compliant 800 MHz mobile, portable, and control station equipment programmed to be used on the County's System. Equipment other than that manufactured by Motorola shall be approved by the System Manager prior to purchase by Miami-Dade. Miami-Dade will be required to keep its equipment in proper operating condition and Miami-Dade is responsible for maintenance of its radio equipment.

5.02 Agreement Limited to Common Talk Groups. Miami-Dade will only program the Common Talk Groups and the individual unit ID numbers assigned by the System Manager as

part of this Agreement. Miami-Dade will **not** program into its radios the County operational talk groups without a letter of authorization or a signed agreement from the County.

5.03 Miami-Dade Contacts. Miami-Dade shall provide the County with a list of persons/positions, which are authorized to request activating/deactivating existing units or new units. No programming will be undertaken by Miami-Dade or its service provider until requested and approved in writing by the System Manager.

5.04 County Confidential Information. Miami-Dade shall receive certain access codes to the County's System to enable the Common Talk Groups to be programmed into Miami-Dade's equipment. ***The access codes are considered to be exempt and confidential security system information under F.S. 119.071(3) and must not be released to the public or unauthorized persons.*** The access codes are to be treated as confidential information and Miami-Dade is responsible for safeguarding and protecting the confidentiality of the code information from release to unauthorized parties. All confidential security system information and data obtained, developed, or supplied by the County ("Confidential Information") will be kept confidential by Miami-Dade and will not be disclosed to any other party, directly or indirectly, without the County's prior written consent, unless required by law or lawful order. All system parameters shall remain the County's property, and may only be reproduced or distributed with the written permission of the County. Miami-Dade agrees that the County has sole and exclusive ownership of all right, title and interest to the Confidential Information and may be recalled at any time.

5.04.01 Authorized Parties. Service staff directly employed by Miami-Dade shall be considered authorized to receive access and programming codes for the maintenance of Miami-Dade's radio equipment. Commercial service providers are not considered authorized to receive access to programming codes for the System. If Miami-Dade plans to use commercial services for its system or subscriber unit maintenance, Miami-Dade must include confidentiality requirements in their contracts with the commercial service providers acceptable to the System Manager before access or programming codes may be released to these companies.

5.04.02 Commercial Service Providers. Commercial maintenance service providers are **not** considered authorized to receive access to programming codes for the County's System, unless meeting the requirements of Section 5.04.03 and/or 5.04.04 below. If Miami-Dade does not have employees capable of programming Miami-Dade radio equipment or prefers to have others program Miami-Dade radio equipment, it may request that the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue or Palm Beach County Electronic Services & Security Division program Miami-Dade's radio equipment under the terms of a separate agreement.

5.04.03 County Review of Existing Service Provider Agreements. If Miami-Dade uses a commercial service provider to program Miami-Dade radio equipment at the time of execution of this Agreement, and desires that the commercial service provider program Miami-Dade radio equipment with the Common Talk Groups, Miami-Dade must submit its existing contract with the commercial service provider to the System

Manager for review. The review will focus on whether the contract terms between Miami-Dade and the commercial service provider are adequate to protect the County's System from misuse, harm or release of access and programming codes to unauthorized persons. Notwithstanding the previous statement, the County retains the right, in its sole opinion with or without written reason or cause, to approve or disapprove the use of a commercial service provider. If approved, the System Manager will release the access and programming codes to the commercial service provider. Miami-Dade will be responsible for ensuring that the commercial service provider adheres to the terms of this Agreement pertaining to the proper use of programming codes and radio equipment and pertaining to the safeguarding and protection of the confidentiality of the access codes. If not approved, Miami-Dade shall use the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, or the Palm Beach County Electronic Services & Security Division to program Miami-Dade radio equipment with Common Talk Groups.

5.04.04 Review of Bid Documents for Service Provider. If Miami-Dade intends to use a commercial service provider to program Miami-Dade radio equipment with the Common Talk Groups, Miami-Dade shall submit the appropriate bid documents/contract to the System Manager for approval prior to soliciting a bid or quote from the commercial service provider. The System Manager will work with Miami-Dade to develop the appropriate language for the contract which will allow for approval of the commercial service provider. Notwithstanding the previous statement, the County retains the right, in its sole opinion with or without written reason or cause, to approve or disapprove the use of a commercial service provider. If approved, the System Manager will release the access and programming codes to the commercial service provider. Miami-Dade will be responsible for ensuring that the commercial service provider adheres to the terms of this Agreement pertaining to the proper use of the programming codes and radio equipment use and the terms requiring the safeguarding and protection of the confidentiality of the access codes. If not approved, Miami-Dade shall use the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, or Palm Beach County Electronic Services & Security Division to program Miami-Dade radio equipment with Common Talk Groups.

5.04.05 Survival. The provisions of this section regarding Miami-Dade's duty to keep the County's access codes confidential shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

5.05 Federal Shared Encryption Key. The County's System is configured to allow for end to end encryption. If Miami-Dade desires encryption, Miami-Dade must request a CKR assignment from the County's System Manager. The Federal Shared Encryption Key ("Key") is available for use by local law enforcement agencies who require direct radio interoperability with federal agencies and is used on Law Enforcement Common 6E through 10E talk groups on the County's System. The Key is considered to be exempt and confidential security system information under F.S. 119.071(3) and must not be released to the public or to unauthorized persons. If Miami-Dade requests use of the Key, Miami-Dade shall be responsible for safeguarding and protecting the confidentiality of the Key from release to unauthorized parties. Service staff directly employed by Miami-Dade shall be considered authorized to receive access

to the Key. ***Commercial service providers are not considered authorized to receive access to the Key.*** Keyloading of Miami-Dade's end user radios must only be done by Miami-Dade itself or another authorized law enforcement agency. Miami-Dade must also store Miami-Dade's encryption key loader(s) in a secure and locked location when not in use. Miami-Dade shall immediately notify the County's System Manager if Miami-Dade has reason to believe the confidentiality of the Key has been compromised or an encrypted radio has been lost or stolen. Miami-Dade shall not program the Key into any non-law enforcement radio. Miami-Dade must delete the Key from any radio to be repaired by non-agency personnel, removed from service or sent to surplus for disposal. Miami-Dade shall not provide any Key encrypted radios to any non-public safety personnel. The provisions of this section regarding Miami-Dade's duty to keep the Key confidential shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

5.06 Malfunctioning Miami-Dade Equipment. Miami-Dade is solely responsible for the performance and the operation of Miami-Dade equipment and any damages or liability resulting from the use thereof. Should the County identify malfunctioning Miami-Dade owned equipment; the County will request that Miami-Dade discontinue use of the specific device until the repairs are completed. The County may, in its discretion, disable the equipment from the System after properly notifying Miami-Dade in writing if the device is causing interference to the System.

5.07 Stolen or Lost Miami-Dade Radios. In the case of lost or stolen equipment, Miami-Dade will notify the System Manager by e-mail authorizing the System Manager to disable the equipment. The authorization shall provide the County issued individual unit ID number and the serial number of the radio. The System Manager will advise via e-mail when the radio has been disabled. A request by Miami-Dade to re-activate a disabled radio must be in writing by e-mail to the System Manager.

SECTION 6: SUBSCRIBER UNIT INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY MIAMI-DADE

Miami-Dade will be required to provide to the County an initial inventory of the radios that are proposed to be programmed for use of the Common Talk Groups. Miami-Dade will provide the following information to the County:

- Radio manufacturer and model numbers.
- Radio serial numbers.
- Requested aliases to be programmed.

The System Manager will then compile this information and transmit back to Miami-Dade a matrix of the County-wide Talk Groups, aliases, and radio ID numbers prior to Miami-Dade's radios being activated on the County's Public Safety Radio System. Miami-Dade is responsible for adhering to the Talk-Group and Radio ID allocations established by the County. The County's Talk-Group and Radio ID allocations are on file with the County and available upon request.

SECTION 7: UTILIZATION AND MONITORING OF COMMON TALK GROUPS

7.01 Purpose of Common Talk Groups. The Common Talk Groups were implemented specifically for inter-agency communication among multiple agencies, regardless of their specific discipline or affiliation. They were also created to allow communications between agencies without requiring cross-programming operational talk groups in each agency's radios.

Typical Usage Scenario:

- A unit requesting to coordinate a multi-jurisdictional operation or call for mutual assistance, places a call on the Call Talk Group for the appropriate discipline (i.e. Law Enforcement, Fire Rescue, or Local Government) to the dispatch center of the required agency(ies).
- The responding dispatch center assigns one of the Common Talk Groups to the requesting unit and contacts its agency's unit(s) and requests that the user switch to the corresponding talk group.
- The participating units would communicate on the Common Talk Group(s) and upon completion of the operation; the talk-group is cleared of all radio traffic and put back into the pool for other agencies.

7.02 Approved Uses. Usage of the Common Talk Groups is authorized to coordinate multi-jurisdictional fire/law enforcement/disaster recovery operations such as fires requiring multi-agency responses, police pursuit through multiple jurisdictions and coordination and response to local emergencies and disasters. Other authorized uses include undercover operations, investigations, perimeter communications, fire ground coordination, scene security and landing zone communications requiring participation of multiple agencies and disciplines.

In addition, the Common Talk Groups can be used by any agency experiencing catastrophic failure of its own communication system for a determined amount of time. A request to utilize the Common Talk Groups for this situation requires permission of the System Manager. Once approved by the System Manager, the Common Talk Groups can be temporarily utilized until repair of the agency's communication system is complete.

7.03 Prohibited Uses. The Common Talk Groups shall not be used for every-day routine communications or as an extra talk group for agencies that have cross programming agreements and duplicated talk groups programmed into their radios. Other prohibited uses include communications for special events and operations, use as an additional dispatch, administrative or a car to car talk group for a single agency.

7.04 Required Monitoring. Agencies requesting to use the Common Talk Groups by this Agreement have a requirement to monitor the Calling Talk Group in their respective dispatch center to respond to calls for assistance from field units. The dispatch centers which combine more than one discipline in their dispatch center are required to monitor the disciplines which are dispatched. Agencies which do not utilize their own dispatch center are not required to monitor the Calling Talk Group.

SECTION 8: LIABILITY

8.01 No Representation as to Fitness. The County makes no representations about the design or capabilities of the County's System. Miami-Dade has decided to enter into this Agreement and use the County's System on the basis of having interoperability with the County and /or other municipalities during times of mutual aid and/or joint operations. The County agrees to use its best reasonable efforts to provide Miami-Dade with full use of the Common Talk Groups but makes no guarantee as to the continual, uninterrupted use of the System, or its fitness for the communication needs of Miami-Dade.

8.02 No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity. The Parties to this Agreement and their respective officers and employees shall not be deemed to assume any liability for the acts, omissions and negligence of the other party. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the County or Miami-Dade pursuant to §768.28, Florida Statutes. Each party shall be liable for its own actions and negligence and, to the extent permitted by law, Miami-Dade shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County against any actions, claims or damages arising out of Miami-Dade's negligence in connection with this Agreement. The foregoing indemnification shall not constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity beyond the limits set forth in Florida Statutes §768.28, nor shall the same be construed to constitute agreement by either party to indemnify the other for such other party's negligent, willful or intentional acts or omissions.

8.03 No Responsibility for Third Party Claims. Neither the County nor Miami-Dade shall be liable to each other or for any third party claim, which may arise out of the services provided hereunder or of the radio System itself, its operation or use, or its failure to operate as anticipated, upon whatever cause of action any claim is based. The System is designed to assist qualified law enforcement, fire, and other emergency service professionals. It is not intended to be a substitute for the exercise of judgment or supervision of these professionals. Both parties acknowledge that the responsibility for providing law enforcement, fire, or other emergency services rests with the agency which is providing such service and not necessarily either party to this Agreement.

8.04 No Consequential Damages. The terms and conditions of this Agreement incorporate all the rights, responsibilities, and obligations of the parties to each other. The remedies provided herein are exclusive. The County and Miami-Dade waive all other remedies with respect to each other, including, but not limited to, consequential and incidental damages.

8.05 Survival. The provisions of this section shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

SECTION 8A: INSURANCE

Without waiving the right to sovereign immunity as provided by section 768.28, Florida Statutes, (Statute), Miami-Dade represents that it is self-insured with coverage subject to the limitations of the Statute, as may be amended.

If Miami-Dade is not self-insured, Miami-Dade shall, at its sole expense, purchase and maintain in full force and effect at all times during the life of this contract, insurance coverage at limits not less than those contained in the Statute.

Should Miami-Dade purchase excess liability coverage, Miami-Dade agrees to include County as an Additional Insured.

Miami-Dade agrees to maintain or to be self-insured for Workers' Compensation insurance in accordance with Chapter 440, Florida Statutes.

Should Miami-Dade contract with a third-party (Contractor) to perform any service related to the Agreement, Miami-Dade shall require the Contractor to provide the following minimum insurance:

- Commercial General Liability insurance with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 combined single limit for property damage and bodily injury per occurrence and \$2,000,000 per aggregate. Such policy shall be endorsed to include Miami-Dade and County as Additional Insureds. Miami-Dade shall also require that the Contractor include a Waiver of Subrogation against County.
- Business Automobile Liability insurance with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 combined single limits for property damage and bodily injury per occurrence.
- Workers' Compensation insurance in compliance with Chapter 440, Florida Statutes, and which shall include coverage for Employer's Liability with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 each accident.

When requested, Miami-Dade shall provide an affidavit or Certificate of Insurance evidencing insurance or self-insurance.

Compliance with the foregoing requirement shall not relieve Miami-Dade of its liability and obligations under this Agreement.

SECTION 9: OWNERSHIP OF ASSETS

All assets maintained under this Agreement will remain assets of the respective party.

SECTION 10: TERM OF AGREEMENT

10.01 Initial Term. The initial term of this Agreement is for five (5) years and shall commence retroactively on April 1, 2024, irrespective of the date of execution.

10.02 Renewals. The Agreement may be renewed for two (2) additional terms of five (5) years each. At least six (6) months prior to the expiration of this Agreement's term, Miami-Dade shall provide the County with a request to renew this Agreement. Such renewal will require approval of both parties and the County may not unreasonably withhold its approval of the renewal.

SECTION 11: AMENDMENTS TO THIS AGREEMENT

This Agreement may be amended from time to time by written amendment as agreed to by all parties.

SECTION 12: TERMINATION

This Agreement may be terminated by either party, with or without cause upon ten (10) days written notice to the other party. Upon notice of termination, the System Manager will proceed to disable Miami-Dade's radios from the County's System. It will be the responsibility of Miami-Dade to reprogram Miami-Dade's radios removing the County's System information from the radios. Miami-Dade will complete reprogramming Miami-Dade's radios within sixty (60) days of the date of termination. A municipality with greater than one hundred (100) radios will be given ninety (90) days to re-program its radios.

SECTION 13: NOTICES

Any notice given pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be in writing and be delivered by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested. The effective date of such notice shall be the date of receipt, as evidenced by the Return Receipt. All notices shall be addressed to the following:

As to the County:

County Administrator
301 North Olive Avenue
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Director, Facilities Development & Operations
2633 Vista Parkway
West Palm Beach, FL 33411-5603

With a copy to:

Radio System Manager
Palm Beach County Electronic Services & Security Division
2601 Vista Parkway
West Palm Beach, FL 33411-5610

County Attorney's Office
301 North Olive Avenue
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

As to Miami-Dade:

Miami-Dade County Administrator
Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners
Stephen P. Clark Government Center
111 NW 1st Street, Suite 220
Miami, FL 33128

Wilbert Hall, Division Chief of Communications
Miami-Dade Fire Rescue
9300 NW 41st Street
Doral, FL 33178
(786) 331-6702

SECTION 14: APPLICABLE LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any legal action necessary to enforce the Agreement will be held in a court of competent jurisdiction located in Palm Beach County, Florida.

SECTION 15: FILING

A copy of this Agreement shall be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Palm Beach County.

SECTION 16: ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement and any Attachments hereto constitute all agreements, conditions and understandings between the County and Miami-Dade concerning access to the Common Talk Groups. All representations, either oral or written, shall be deemed to be merged into this Agreement, except as herein otherwise provided, no subsequent alteration, waiver, change or addition to this Agreement shall be binding upon the County or Miami-Dade unless reduced to writing and signed by them.

SECTION 17: DELEGATION OF DUTY

Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to authorize the delegation of the Constitutional or Statutory duties of the County's or Miami-Dade's officers.

SECTION 18: PALM BEACH COUNTY OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

Palm Beach County has established the Office of the Inspector General in Palm Beach County Code, Section 2-421 - 2-440, as may be amended. The Inspector General is authorized with the power to review past, present and proposed County contracts, transactions, accounts and records. The Inspector General's authority includes, but is not limited to, the power to audit, investigate, monitor, and inspect the activities of entities contracting with the County, or anyone

acting on their behalf, in order to ensure compliance with contract requirements and to detect corruption and fraud. Failure to cooperate with the Inspector General or interfering with or impeding any investigation shall be a violation of Palm Beach County Code, Section 2-421 - 2-440, and punished pursuant to Section 125.69, Florida Statutes, in the same manner as a second degree misdemeanor.

SECTION 19: NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY

No provision of this Agreement is intended to, or shall be construed to, create any third party beneficiary or to provide any rights to any person or entity not a party to this Agreement, including but not limited to any citizen or employees of the County and/or Miami-Dade.

SECTION 20: NON-DISCRIMINATION

The County is committed to assuring equal opportunity in the award of contracts and complies with all laws prohibiting discrimination. Pursuant to Palm Beach County Resolution R2017-1770, as may be amended, Miami-Dade warrants and represents that throughout the term of the Agreement, including any renewals thereof, if applicable, all of its employees are treated equally during employment without regard to race, color, religion, disability, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or genetic information. Failure to meet this requirement shall be considered default of the Agreement.

SECTION 21: ASSIGNMENT

Miami-Dade may not assign, mortgage, pledge, or encumber this Agreement in whole or in part, without prior written consent of County, which may be granted or withheld at the County's absolute discretion. This provision shall be construed to include a prohibition against an assignment, mortgage, pledge, encumbrance or sublease, by operation of law, legal process, receivership, bankruptcy, or otherwise, whether voluntary or involuntary.

SECTION 22: SEVERABILITY

If any term of the Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the Agreement, or the application of such term to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each term of the Agreement shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

SECTION 23: COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which, taken together, shall constitute one and the same agreement.

SECTION 24: ANNUAL BUDGETARY FUNDING/CANCELLATION

This Agreement and all obligations of County and Miami-Dade hereunder requiring the expenditure of funds are subject to and contingent upon annual budgetary funding and appropriations by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners and Miami-Dade Council.

SECTION 25: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Agreement is expressly contingent upon the approval of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners and shall become effective only when signed by all Parties and approved by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 26: E-VERIFY – EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY

26.01 Miami-Dade warrants and represents that it is in compliance with section 448.095, Florida Statutes, as may be amended, and that it: (1) is registered with the E-Verify System (E-Verify.gov), and uses the E-Verify System to electronically verify the employment eligibility of all newly hired workers; and (2) has verified that all of Miami-Dade's contractors and subcontractors performing any duties and obligations under this Agreement are registered with and use the E-Verify System to electronically verify the employment eligibility of all newly hired workers.

26.02 County shall terminate this Agreement if it has a good faith belief that Miami-Dade has knowingly violated Section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes as may be amended.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed on the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:

JOSEPH ABRUZZO
CLERK OF THE CRICUIT
COURT & COMPTROLLER

PALM BEACH COUNTY, a political
subdivision of the State of Florida

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Maria Sachs, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY:

APPROVED AS TO TERMS AND
CONDITIONS:

By: _____
County Attorney

By: _____
Isamì Ayala-Collazo, Director
Facilities Development & Operations

ATTEST:

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY:**

By: _____
Miami-Dade County Attorney

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, a political
subdivision of the State of Florida

By:  JD Patterson
Chief of Preparedness and
Forensics
for Daniella Levine Cava, Mayor

ATTACHMENT I

PALM BEACH COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Policy / Procedure Title

1. Countywide Use of 800 MHz System (O.P. # I-01)
2. Countywide Use of 800 MHz System Talk Groups (O.P. # I-04)
3. Monitoring and Evaluation of Public Safety Radio System Talk Groups (O.P. # I-05)
4. Emergency Medical Communications (O.P. # I-06)
5. Reporting of Problems and Modifications of the Public Safety Radio System (O.P. # I-07)
6. Countywide Use of Public Safety Radio System During Times of Catastrophic Failure which result in non-trunking "conventional" operation (O.P. # I-10)
7. System Maintenance and Administration Plan