

# REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

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**ORIGINATOR:**  
2012

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING:** August 30,

Jim Connolly, Deputy Fire Chief

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING:** September 4, 2012

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**TITLE/DESCRIPTION: FIRE PAGING MOU AND RADIO SYSTEM CONTRACT:**

Board to consider ordinances approving the following:

1. A Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Westmont, Village of Clarendon Hills and the Tri-State Fire Protection District for the Fire Paging System.
2. A contract with A-Beep Radio for Communications Upgrade of the South East and South Central Fire Radio Systems for the Fire Paging System.

**BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER:**

Even though ETSB invested in the Starcom System for county-wide emergency radio service, they recognized that it is critical for fire departments to maintain their VHF radio systems for Fire Paging and other emergency uses. ETSB allocated approximately \$1.5 million dollars to maintain and upgrade these systems across the County. They allocated \$392,000 to the radio systems in the southeast portion of the County including the "635 Group". Westmont Fire is a member of the 635 Group.

In the Starcom System design, ETSB recognized that Westmont Fire was moving to consolidated dispatch with Downers Grove Fire and that a common talkgroup was appropriate. This requires Westmont Fire to also change its VHF frequency from the existing "635" to the Downers Grove Fire frequency. An additional \$140,000 in dispatch consolidation costs will be incurred to build out the Downers Grove Fire Radio System in Westmont.

The Village of Westmont, Village of Clarendon Hills and the Tri-State Fire Protection District are agreeing to fund up to \$532,000 (\$392,000 + \$140,000) for the Fire Paging radio system improvements. Westmont's 41% share of the contract is \$218,000 and is to be reimbursed by the DuPage County Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB). Copies of ETSB signed resolutions are attached.

**DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:**

- Memorandum of Understanding
- ETSB Resolution ETS 039-12
- ETSB Resolution ETS 045-12
- A Beep Contract

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- Approve the Memorandum of Understanding and the contract with A Beep Radio contingent upon the other two agencies also approving the MOU and contract.

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