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RE: Radio System Upgrade Proposal

Dear Mr. Boudreau:

Thank you for calling me back regarding your two-way radio system. Mark Krejmas from CIS Communications is a friend of mine and he had last worked on your radio system back a year or so ago now and installed the base radio setup and antenna setup at your new location. We have been working on providing Warren Emergency Management a new radio system, as they don't have any radio system at all.

In talking with Mark recently, you are the only town department that remains on low band while the rest of the Town operates on VHF (i.e. 150-160 MHz range). Our Warren non-profit organization does FCC license preparation full-time and we did the FCC licensing for the fire department going from simplex (radio-to-radio) to a VHF repeater system, improving coverage. In the past 2 years we did new FCC licenses for the Warren Water District and most recently the Warren Waste Water Treatment Plant. We purposely submitted the last two departments for VHF licenses – so they would use the same frequency band as the rest of the Town, being compatible having 1 radio to instantly talk to any other Town agency.

Mark, roughly about 1-2 years ago, had talked to the prior highway superintendent educating him that in the near future to stop investing money into the low band system and upgrade to a VHF system. It was discussed but the primary issue was funding, for the switchover. Since then, nothing was done and your department remains on low band today.

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Our organization uses low band and we are interested in the highway department's low band mobile radios. In addition, we also have plans to install a few VHF repeater systems atop Coy Hill in the next few months, as we also use VHF too. So our idea of changing the highway department over to a new system, we are making an offer to you.

Here are the preliminary details of the proposal, allowing for further discussion and questions:

1. CMPSA would purchase brand new VHF mobile radios at our expense.
2. CMPSA would take all the highway department's current mobile radios in trade, including accessories such as mobile antennas and base antennas.
3. CMPSA would install a new VHF base station antenna at the highway garage, replacing the current low band antenna, in its place. You'd be using the same antenna mount in place now, just swapping out the base antenna only.
4. CMPSA would install a new VHF mobile radio as a base setup, simply replacing the current low band base setup.
5. I, as a two-way radio technician, would provide free labor in removing the mobile radios and installing the new VHF in its place, including new VHF mobile antennas.
6. The final phase would be to provide the highway department with an actual VHF repeater, so instead of VHF simplex (radio-to-radio), you would be (talking to/receiving from) our repeater atop Coy Hill.

As you can see, the entire project proposal would be of very small cost, if any at all, to the highway department. You can reach me at (413) 436-7880 [REDACTED]

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Baril, Executive Director

Enclosures:

- MA. Attorney General – Non-Profit/Public Charity Division Approval Letter.
- MA. Secretary of the Commonwealth – Corporations Division Approval Letter.
- IRS 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Approval Letter.