



# City of Olathe

## COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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**MEETING DATE:** 2/16/2021

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**FOCUS AREA:** Police & Fire

**STAFF CONTACT:** Jeff DeGraffenreid/Mike Butaud/Dianna Wright

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of contract award to KA-COMM for the purchase of Harris radio equipment and accessories for the Police and Fire Departments.

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**ITEM DESCRIPTION:**

Consideration of contract award to KA-COMM for the purchase of Harris radio equipment and accessories for the Police and Fire Departments.

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**SUMMARY:**

The Police and Fire departments use radio communications to relay critical information on day-to-day operations as well as more complex emergency responses involving partner agencies. The City began transitioning to the Harris radios in 2018 with the award of the KA-COMM contract. The recently purchased radios are under warranty with KA-COMM. The Police and Fire Departments will continuously purchase Harris radios for coordinated communications to maintain functionality for critical, life-safety operations.

Staff recommends award of the contract to KA-COMM, Inc for three (3) years, expiring February 2024. The KA-COMM contract is for the purchase of equipment and system engineering and support for the Harris equipment. Radio replacements are funded through the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund (VERF). The annual spend from the VERF for radios averages approximately \$225,000 annually.

KA-COMM is a Harris Radios authorized vendor with a repair facility located in the City of Olathe.

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Estimated annual expenditure is \$225,000. Funding will come from the VERF.

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**ACTION NEEDED:**

Approval of contract to KA-COMM for the purchase of Harris radio equipment and accessories for the Police and Fire Departments.

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**ATTACHMENT(S):**

A. Competition Exception Report

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