

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

ITEM 91E

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-185
APRIL 7, 1997 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
VHF RADIOS FOR POLICE AND DEPARTMENT	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	WILLIAM H. MOULDER POLICE CHIEF

SYNOPSIS —

The Police Department is proposing to purchase 35 VHF mobile radios to be installed in specific command and supervisory vehicles throughout the Department. These radios will permit police personnel to more easily contact other agencies when necessary.

FISCAL IMPACT —

Forfeited funds in the amount of \$20,573 will be used for this purpose.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

The Police and Fire Department radio systems operate in the UHF range. Other City departments as well as many other local agencies use VHF radios. Communications between agencies, when necessary, must be relayed or patched by communication centers. This has worked reasonably well. However, by equipping certain command and supervisory vehicles with VHF radios, they will be able to communicate more quickly and easily. This will improve our ability to coordinate operations within the City as well as with other area agencies.