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Name of Legislation:	ARMER System Upgrades
Short Description. Please include a description of the current issue/problem, as well as any relevant historical background.	In 2000-2001, Minneapolis purchased and installed the radio system "Infrastructure" (the equipment used at 4 different antenna tower locations that all of the vehicle mounted radios and handhelds communicate through, and the "consoles" that the 911 dispatchers use to communicate on in the 911 dispatch center). In 2001-2002 the old vehicle mounted radios, (mobiles), were removed and the new mobile radios were installed; likewise the old handheld radios, (portables), were replaced with new system portables. In total the cost for the system and radio units was \$15.4M. Today, in 2012 we are about 12 years into the use of our infrastructure and 10-11 years into the use of our mobile and portable radios. At this point, the radios and the radio system infrastructure look to exceed the original "guesses" of estimated usability. Given the current minimal rate of wear it would be a safe estimate to say that in 5 years from now at least 90% of all original purchased mobiles and portables will still be fully operational. There is no physical need to replace due to age or wear and we have enough spare radios and parts to ensure 90% against obsolescence. Unnecessary software upgrades by the State of Minnesota could cause Minneapolis', and other city's, equipment to reach premature obsolescence, forcing the City to purchase new equipment before it is needed. The City should support legislation supporting continued and increased state financing of substantial local costs to participate in ARMER, including the acquisition and modernization of subscriber equipment, such as portable and mobile radios required for ARMER users, and oppose efforts to divert dedicated ARMER funds to the state's general fund.
Sponsoring Department:	City Coordinator and Finance
Submitted By:	
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Statute Citation:	
Priority (city is lead advocate) or Support (city supports other groups) item?	Support
State Fiscal Impact:	Yes, exact cost unknown at this time
Supportive Partners:	Metropolitan Emergency Services Board and member jurisdictions, other cities and counties.
For Internal IGR Use	
IGR Lead Staff	Melissa
Covered in existing item?	No
Priority or Support?	Support
Notes	MESB recently adopted a plan to lobby for funding assistance for both the console and infrastructure equipment replacements in the 2014 legislative session.