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LOS ANGELES HARBOR COMMISSION APPROVES INTEROPERABILITY EQUIPMENT TO EXPAND PORT POLICE CONNECTIVITY WITH EMERGENCY RESPONSE PARTNERS



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SAN PEDRO, Calif. – The Los Angeles Port Police Department will be extending its communications capabilities by installing new radio communication enhancement equipment – an improvement to facilitate critical capability also referred to as radio interoperability. The Board of Harbor Commissioners last week approved spending more than \$375,000 for the purchase of this equipment, of which approximately \$280,000 will be reimbursed through a previously awarded Department of Homeland Security grant.

The equipment, made by Motorola C & E Inc., will replace or augment the current Port Police dispatch system, offering increased communications capabilities with the United States Coast Guard, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Fire Department, California Highway Patrol, and many other local law enforcement and emergency response agencies that utilize independent radio systems. By bridging communication across these various agency radio systems, Port Police can facilitate a more unified communications and response mechanism as needed on a daily basis or during major emergency situations.

The radio interoperability system is just one of many security enhancements that continue to be made at the Port of Los Angeles – one of the few ports in the nation with a dedicated police department. Other recent security programs put in place include the ramping-up of recruitment aimed at doubling the number of Port Police Officers over the next three years, the addition of two advanced-technology rapid response SAFE Boats to the Port Police water patrol, and expanded use of camera surveillance systems throughout the Port.

The Port of Los Angeles is America's premier port. As the leading container port in the nation and a critical hub in the international supply chain, the Port generates 259,000 regional jobs and \$8.4 billion in annual wages and tax revenues. The Port of Los Angeles also places a high priority on responsible growth initiatives combined with high security, environmental stewardship and community outreach. The Port of Los Angeles is a proprietary, self-supported department of the City of Los Angeles. The Port of Los Angeles - A cleaner port. A brighter future.

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