

**TO:** Mayor Althoff and City Council

**FROM:** Jeff McCormick, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** Request to donate VHF radios to Wisconsin Fire Department

**DATE:** November 5, 2020

**BACKGROUND**

A fire department in Wisconsin is looking for the donation of equipment to replace items lost ironically to a fire that destroyed their facility. They lost all their vehicles, radios and other equipment as well as their building. They are seeking the donation of any items that can be provided to make the insurance money stretch as far as possible for items that cannot be donated. When Goodhue County provided us with radios at the switch to 800 from VHF we looked at selling the radios, but would have received less than .10 on the dollar for 15 VHF radios that the vender was selling used equipment for. Our radio person recommended just holding onto them for an agency that was in need.

See the attached letter that was forwarded to us by a radio contact at the State. This Fire Department would appreciate this equipment and it helps to pay it forward for the assistance we have gotten over the years as a City when we needed some help.

**REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

Request a motion to approval to donate VHF radios to the La Point Volunteer Fire Department.



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April 21, 2020

From: Chief Rick Reichkitzer  
Cellular: 715-209-1524

To: To whom it may concern

Subject: Radio equipment

On March 6, 2019 our Emergency Services Building was completely destroyed by fire. We lost the entire compliment of the department: 9 fire apparatus, 2 ambulances and our full complement of PPE, gear and firefighting supplies.

We are slowly rebuilding our department, including using limited insurance to pay for used replacement apparatus that need to be outfitted for use. A new building is planned and in the design process.

I was informed that your agency has surplus VHF mobile radios. The donation of these radios would help immensely in saving funds to equip our replacement apparatus.

Please feel free to contact me using any of the above contact information.

I can be reached at (715) 209-1524

Thanks,

Rick