



**Boston City Council**  
Committee on Public Safety  
Stephen J. Murphy, Chair

August 26, 2009

Dear Councillors:

The Boston City Council's Committee on Public Safety to which was referred, on March 11, 2009 – June 24, 2009 and July 8, 2009 [respectively]:

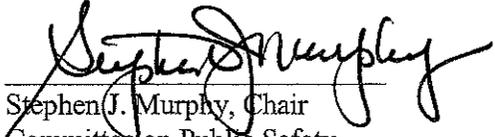
***Docket # 0389*** – Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$182,875.00 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, for the purpose of funding the Boston Police Department Buffer Zone Protection Project.

***Docket # 0869*** – Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend the FY 10 Public Safety Answering Point and Regional Emergency Communication Center Support and Incentive grant of \$1,945,624.00 from the Executive Office of Public Safety State 911 Department.

***Docket # 0870*** – Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend the FY10 State 911 Department Training grant funds of \$362,673.00 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.

***Docket # 0944*** – Message and order re-authorizing the Police Academy to establish in accordance with General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 a revolving fund to accept from the fund up to a maximum of \$200,000.00 for the purposes of purchasing training equipment, certifying instructors, updating facilities, and to provide funds for other training needs not otherwise budgeted for.

having considered the same, **respectfully recommends that these matters ought to pass.**

  
Stephen J. Murphy, Chair  
Committee on Public Safety

**2009 Boston Police Department PSAP Grant Project**

**Grant Program:** FY10 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and Regional Emergency Communication Center Support and Incentive Grant Program

**Funding Agency:** EOPSS State 911 Department

**Award Period:** July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010

**Amount:** \$1,945,624.00                      **Match**                      \$0.00

**Budget Items:** **Equipment** – Heat, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Other Environmental Control Equipment, Computer-Aided Dispatch Systems, Radio Console, Console Furniture and Dispatcher Chairs, Fire Alarm Receiving and Alerting Equipment Associated with Providing Enhanced 911 Service.

**Area of Service:** Citywide

**Purpose of Grant:**

The project will upgrade our current "Button-and-LED" consoles to Centracom Gold Elite CRT consoles. As these are software based consoles they will provide infinite expansion capability on the consoles. Included in this upgrade is an expansion of the Central Electronics Bank to allow for the addition of additional physical resources. These CRT based consoles will also allow for the future integration of the City of Boston Trunked Radio Systems this will allow Boston Police and Boston EMS direct radio communications access to the City of Boston central services such as Inspectional Services, Municipal Protective Services and Emergency Management. This upgrade will allow for the additional of new "Operator Positions" for both Police and EMS at a minimal (if any) cost.

The existing console furniture in the 911 center is approximately 12 years old and was designed for the 911 technology that existed during that time. The addition of computer hardware, both under the desk and above, has made the existing furniture inefficient in dispersing heat and in ergonomic use the desktop containing multiple monitors and keyboards. The furniture upgrade project will involve the replacement of this old furniture with modular workstations designed for 911 call takers and dispatchers, as well as supervisor positions. This upgrade will include '24 hour' chairs and underlying flooring.

The Radio Upgrade and Furniture Upgrade will require the placement of electrical and existing communications conduits to support the project. This will involve costs for planning and moving, if necessary, the existing communication and power infrastructure.

The Boston Police 911 center currently uses NICE loggers to make legally mandated audio records of 911 and dispatch activity. The current system is complex and requires routine maintenance, however, the existing contractor no longer provides the required services. In light of this information, this project will support the purchase and installation of new instant recall recorders to allow for a stable system for recording 911-audio.

**Future:**

We anticipate renewed funding for subsequent years, including a potential increase in funding for FY2011. FY2010 funding will support "Phase Two" of the 911/Dispatch Upgrade Project, to include installation of equipment purchased under FY2009.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
THOMAS M. MENINO

June 18, 2009

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the FY 2010 Public Safety Answering Point and Regional Emergency Communication Center Support and Incentive grant funds in the amount of \$1,945,624.00 awarded by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security State 911 Department.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this order as soon as possible so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them for the purposes for which these funds were granted.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Menino  
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON  
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THE PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT AND REGIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER SUPPORT AND INCENTIVE GRANT FUNDS AWARDED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY STATE 911 DEPARTMENT.**

**ORDERED:** That the Police Commissioner, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the award of The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security State 911 Department of One Million Nine Hundred Forty Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Four Dollars (\$1,945,624.00).

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SO

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT  
THE FOREGOING, IF PASSED IN  
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

*William F. Bennett*  
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CORPORATION COUNSEL SBD