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PASADENA JOINS THE ICIS RADIO SYSTEM

Pasadena is the latest city to join the Interagency Communications Interoperability System (ICIS), a system for connecting two-way public safety and public works radios across jurisdictional lines in the greater Los Angeles area.

Beverly Hills, Burbank, Culver City, Glendale Montebello and Pomona are among the other cities and public agencies in the single, seamless radio system.

Police officers, firefighters, power line workers, street maintenance crews and other city of Pasadena employees will have extended coverage through the system, which was not possible before. For example, if a major water leak needed to be repaired in the past, a Public Works Department employee would have to go through that department's dispatch center, which would contact a Water and Power Department dispatcher who would radio the Water and Power Department employee and advise him to communicate with the Public Works Department employee face to face.

“When implementation of ICIS in Pasadena is complete, interdepartmental personnel will be able to use the system for any type of incident without the need for dispatcher intervention,” said Telecommunications Supervisor Steven Page of the Information Technology Services Division of

the Pasadena Finance Department.

“Common channels in every radio will enable employees from different departments to communicate directly with each other as they troubleshoot problems and solve them.”

As part of the Verdugo Fire Communications system, the Pasadena Fire Department has been on the ICIS radio system since November 2007 and has been using the extended range and capacity to improve services to the community.

Once the Pasadena Police Department is brought online, it will have more capacity and be in direct contact with Glendale, Burbank, and other cities through a pre-deployed communications system that will be used on a day-to-day basis, but also has the resources, capabilities and functionality of a disaster-recovery communications network.

When the migration of all other city of Pasadena departments is complete, staff will have the ability to talk seamlessly within their own groups and, with a simple turn of a channel knob, other workers throughout Pasadena.