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Good mourning council Members and CHAIR ENGLANDER

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Civilian employees should be doing the clerical, administrative, professional and blue-collar jobs they were hired for. Able-bodied police officers should be assigned to the enforcement duties they were trained for.

Police Officers who work on the radio systems without proper training can cause harm to the infrastructure. Currently they are doing the following tasks without any experience:

Install and repair circuits and wiring

Calibrate and align radio equipment components

Perform preventive maintenance checks and services on equipment

Police Officer lacks the following training:

Trouble shooting Mechanical, electronic and electrical principles

Proper Line installation and wiring techniques

Communication security policy and procedures

As a result of continues lack of oversight by departments our radio communication integrity has been severely diminished and is exposed to irresponsible circumstances. An example of such an incident happened a month ago when a planned outage in the Valley for radio server upgrades caused a chain of events. The radios that police officers had been programing failed to work because there program file they used was outdated and the radios failed to go into fallback mode. Fallback Mode is used in case the primary radio channels stop working and the secondary channels start to work automatically. There were no casualties to civilians or officers in the field due to this mishap. The event could have escalated if it happened during a City emergency.

Thank You for time Council Members.

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