

Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of La Crosse and the City of Onalaska regarding mutual-aid access to La Crosse Fire Department radio frequencies by the Onalaska Fire Department.

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse Fire Department (LCFD) primarily operates on an 800 MHz radio system, but with dual-band VHF communications capabilities when responding to mutual-aid incidents outside of La Crosse; and

WHEREAS, the City of Onalaska Fire Department (OFD) currently operates solely on a VHF radio system and responds to mutual-aid incidents in La Crosse with no access to LCFD radio frequencies; and

WHEREAS, both communities have signed a Mutual-Aid Agreement which allows assistance between communities as needed for emergency incident mitigation and associated training needs; and

WHEREAS, both the OFD and the LCFD have identified firefighter safety and incident tactical concerns related to necessary mutual-aid radio communications; and

WHEREAS, the OFD has the opportunity to purchase dual-band radios that would enable communications on both the OFD VHF frequencies and the LCFD 800 MHz frequencies; and

WHEREAS, OFD access to the LCFD 800MHz radio frequencies would provide safer tactical communications between the OFD and LCFD during OFD mutual-aid responses to LCFD emergency incidents; and

WHEREAS, the LCFD agrees that access to the LCFD 800 MHz radio frequencies for emergency incidents and training would provide a greater margin of safety for La Crosse and Onalaska firefighters while having minimal radio activity impact on the LCFD 800MHz frequencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA CROSSE AND THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ONALASKA that each entity hereby approves of the following as agreed upon by the La Crosse Fire Department and the Onalaska Fire Department:

1. The OFD will be permitted to access LCFD tactical radio frequencies on the OFD owned dual-band radios.
2. The LCFD approved radio frequencies will be utilized only for mutual-aid emergency response and mutually agreeable training opportunities between the OFD and the LCFD.
3. The OFD will continue to use its primary VHF radio frequencies for incidents not involving the LCFD.

4. There will be no cost associated with OFD access to the LCFD radio frequencies.
5. All costs related to the specific OFD radios and OFD radio maintenance will be the responsibility of the OFD.
6. Either City may terminate this Agreement at any time for convenience upon the occurrence of a 30-day "Notice of Termination" in writing.

IN WITNESS, the Parties to this Agreement have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed by duly authorized representatives of the City of La Crosse and the City of Onalaska.

**City of Onalaska**

**City of La Crosse**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kim Smith, Mayor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Timothy Kabat, Mayor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
JoAnn Marcon, City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teri Lehrke, City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Troy Gudie, Fire Chief

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ken Gilliam, Fire Chief

Subscribed and sworn before me  
this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

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this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

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Notary Public, State of \_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission: \_\_\_\_\_

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