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From: Deputy State Director, Support Services

Subject: Update of Radio Systems and Procurement in FY01

We wanted to update the field on what has happened this year in the radio world. We received almost 1.4 million dollars this year for radio and infrastructure upgrades. While we have concerns about the schedules for conversion to digital equipment, this year we procured some digital equipment for our mountaintops. This equipment will be operated in an analog mode at present and will not effect the operation of our systems. We do not intend to buy digital mobiles and portables until the manufacturers develop, and we have tested, this equipment, to ensure it will not reduce our existing capability. To date there is not a portable or mobile that meets our requirements. With all of our portables having been replaced in FY2000 and with what we replaced this year we have upgraded better than 80% of our radio equipment statewide. We have also made good headway in getting our towers and communications vaults upgraded.

We will be putting together our list for next year very soon and will be asking for your help and support in getting your requirements put together. This is the first time that we have had the management support and the funds available, thanks to fire, to really make some improvements in our radios systems.

We have put together a quick list of what we have bought this year for the 4 zones as follows:

NORCAL West
43 mobile
6 repeaters and duplexers
2 control bases
tower and building for Hatchet Mt.

NORCAL East
103 mobiles
5 repeater and duplexers

Bakersfield
137 mobiles
4 repeaters and duplexers
towers for Wildcat Ridge, Section 8 and Fort Ord
building and tower for Cerro Gordo
tower for Rogers Pk.

CDD
74 mobiles
31 repeaters and duplexers and control base stations
towers for Olancha and Saltwells fire stations.

State Office
9 mobiles
10 portables
6 Laptops for the radio technicians and State office

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Don Black, at 916-978-4558 or Dexter Dearth, at 916-978-4557, in the State Office.

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