



DATE: August 10th, 2026

TO: Alderman Frost, Chair
Members of the Finance and Personnel Committee

FROM: *Rebecca Tyo, Fire Chief*

RE: **Information Only Change Order - Communication Equipment**

CONTRACT DETAILS

Vendor:	GenComm Inc. of Madison, WI
Original Contract Amount:	\$2,991,170.40
Amended Contract Amount:	\$3,178,558.86
Current Proposed Change Order:	\$347,174.18
Final Contract Amount:	\$3,525,733.04
Contract Duration:	One-time Purchase
Funding Source:	ARPA Funds, 2022 Budget Surplus Funds, and Fire Department Operating Budget

NARRATIVE

The original contract was awarded to GenComm, Inc. of Madison, Wisconsin, on a non-competitive basis to modernize the Rockford Fire Department's communications infrastructure. Additional work was required to make the project successful based on the following needs:

- Construction of a 70-foot monopole tower and equipment shelter to eliminate identified radio coverage gaps.
- Construction of an additional receive site at the MercyHealth campus to improve radio system coverage and reliability.
- Upgrades to existing tower infrastructure at Guilford High School and the RPS CCEC building to accommodate the new radio system equipment.
- Addition of a VHF interoperability overlay to maintain communications with regional public safety partners that do not operate on the 800 MHz system.

- Upgrades to antenna combining equipment to support the hybrid VHF/800 MHz communications architecture.
- Installation of a second recording interface to ensure all radio traffic is captured for quality assurance, training, and evidentiary purposes.
- Installation of remote site alarm monitoring to enhance system security and provide immediate notification of equipment failures.

These additions were necessary to deliver a fully functional and reliable public safety communications system that meets operational requirements and provides long-term support for emergency response.

The system installation is substantially complete. Final acceptance testing, user training, and operational cutover planning are currently underway, with the project expected to be fully operational following successful completion of those activities.

The additional work identified during implementation was necessary to achieve the required radio coverage, interoperability, and operational functionality. These needs became apparent through detailed engineering analysis, system testing, and coordination with regional partners and were incorporated to ensure the City receives a fully operational and resilient public safety communications system.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Rebecca Tyo, Fire Chief, at 779-500-6526.