

NGEN Operations Board

NGEN Operations Board Action Item 23-001

Date: October 19, 2023

Presented by: Alex Zheng **On behalf of:** County of Monterey ITD

Request: Direct ITD staff regarding Dept. of Homeland Security Investigation Unit located in Monterey California (HSI Monterey) Access Request to NGEN System

Summary/Discussion:

Department of Homeland Security Investigation Unit located in Monterey California (HSI Monterey), regularly works with local agencies in Monterey County on joint investigations and operations. During these investigations and operations, HSI Monterey needs to communicate with these agencies on their radio channels. HSI Monterey currently is getting loaner radios from the local agencies such as Salinas PD. Multiple local agencies (e.g., Salinas PD and Soledad PD) have HSI-credentialed task force officers (TFOs) assigned to work with HSI Monterey. HSI Monterey is anticipating additional TFOs from other agencies (such as the Sheriff's Office) joining HSI Monterey soon.

HSI Monterey is requesting full NGEN talk-group access for 10 radios used by four agents and a supervisor. HSI works closely with many local agencies in the county, so having the ability to monitor and communicate with those agencies during operations, planned or otherwise, would be extremely useful to both HSI and the local agencies.

HSI Monterey is also requesting the Board to waive the NGEN O&M and debt services fees. If not approved, they will request for access to the mutual-aid channel only which is free of charge.

NGEN Operations Board is being asked to consider three options listed below and provide directions:

Option 1. Grant HSI Monterey access to mutual-aid channel only, which is free of charge.

Option 2. Grant HSI Monterey free access to NGEN LAW talk-groups, for 10 radios.

Option 3. Grant HSI Monterey access to NGEN talk-groups for 10 radios and charge them regular NGEN O&M fee. NGEN O&M fee for 10 radios is approx. \$3,686 per year for FY 23-24. HSI Monterey must sign the NGEN Services Agreement.

Staff Recommendation:

ITD recommends the NGEN Operations Board direct staff to proceed with Option 1 or Option 2.

Fiscal Impact: Adding additional radios to the NGEN system consumes NGEN system resources and increase staff workload and is not fair to other participating NGEN agencies. Requesting agencies must be held fiscally accountable for their use of the NGEN system resources.

Effect(s) of Failure to Approve Request and/or caveats: HSI Monterey will continue using loaner radios from local agencies.

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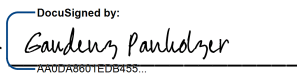
Recommendation: **No action taken.**

Board agreed to table this action item until the next meeting on November 16, 2013, when all board members including SPD are present. Board requested information regarding what kind of plan HSI Monterey has in place to brick their radios if they are lost.

A sponsoring agency must be identified. The sponsoring agency will contact other radio authorities such as Silicon Valley Radio Interoperability Authority (SVRIA) to find out their arrangements with HSI, and research relevant State law regarding this. Alex Zheng will bring a mutual-aid radio policy for the board to discuss.

Vote Date __/__/__

Motion by None 2nd n/a Approved: Yeas n/a Nays n/a

/s/ Chair 

Yeas:

Nays:

Exhibit A HSI Monterey Request Form

1. Name and Address of Agency: **Homeland Security Investigations**
2. Agency Point of Contact with Contact Information: **Davis Mendelsohn, 415-271-6242,**
davis.mendelsohn@hsi.dhs.gov
3. Purpose for Requesting Access
 - a. Purpose for Access (Mutual Aid, Jurisdiction Assistance, etc.): **Regularly working joint operations and investigations with Salinas Police Department and other local agencies within Monterey County.**
 - b. Agency/ Jurisdiction to access: **Homeland Security Investigations, federal law enforcement agency working federal and state criminal investigations.**
4. Type of Access:
 - a. **Transmit, Receive, Encrypted (requires registration on the network)**
 - b. Transmit, Receive (requires registration on the network)
 - c. Monitor via Radio (requires registration on the network)
 - d. Monitor via Scanner
 - e. Be On
5. Number of Users
 - a. Command: **0**
 - b. Field: **5**
 - c. Administrative: **0**
6. Types of Radio equipment to be used (mobiles, portables, desktop)
 - a. Mobile – Number of mobile radios with makes, models, bands: **5 APX 8500s (one per user's vehicle)**
 - b. Portable – Number of portable radios with makes, models, bands: **5 APX 8000s (one per user)**

- c. Desktop – Number of positions: 0
- d. BeOn – Number of licenses: 0