



**Monroe County Control Center  
P25 Digital Radio Network Upgrade Project**

**2021 Year End Update**

**December 7, 2021**

From Director Gary Hoffman: In June of this year, the Monroe County Control Center submitted a request to the Monroe County Board of Commissioners for approximately \$6.3 million dollars of the \$33 million dollars allocation that Monroe County received from the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding source.

The requested funds would go towards the new radio system project, which would benefit each and every Monroe County based Police, Fire, EMS, Public Works agency, and improve security and coverage moving forward. If the Control Center had to purchase the system on their own, it would cost each municipality, in addition to their dispatching fees, approximately \$38.00 per person. By using the ARP funds, it will prevent an extra assessment to each municipality or resident.

The Pocono Mountain Council of Governments Chairman Michael Dwyer, who is also the Chairman of the Middle Smithfield Township Board of Supervisors, asked the Commissioners on behalf of every Monroe County municipality, to look favorably towards the Control Center's request.

In addition, Mr. Dwyer suggested since this is "found money" for the County, it is a way to help the Public Safety entities purchase the radios that they need. The discussion did not include a 100% grant to the fire companies, but offered another way to divide the cost up between the fire companies, their municipalities and the end users.

A possible cost share of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> paid by each of the three entities could work, however, the logistics would still need to be worked out. To ensure fiscal responsibility, whatever formula is worked out has to be fair and equitable for all sides. A team is working on options to propose so that no one entity is burdened more than another.

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