



Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office
"Keeping Cabarrus County a safe and decent place to live, work, and raise a family!"

Dear Chief,

It has come to my attention that there is some misinformation/confusion about imposing new fees associated with the proposed new radio system. While I anticipate a final decision will be made between the 3 governments in the next few weeks about which system to purchase, there has not been a final decision made yet. The County Managers Office along with their counterparts at the City of Concord and City of Kannapolis have the sole authority to decide the direction of the radio system and how they plan to pay for it. The Sheriff has absolutely no part in establishing any fees, much less a user or maintenance fee, which some believe I do.

It is my personal belief and the position of this Office, that the maintenance cost be based on the "system" and not the number of end users. In other words, I think we should take the \$502,724 and divide it by 8. The County would maintain 2 towers and 1 communication center, Concord City would pay for 2 towers and 1 communication center and the City of Kannapolis would pay for 1 tower and 1 communications center. To me, this is a true measure of "system" maintenance and has nothing to do with the number of end users. I feel the County has always covered the cost for all County Fire Departments and I feel they should continue to cover the cost so that true interoperability exists between us.

In past meetings these options have been discussed in depth and some have had individual meetings to help explain this. There has been another option, not supported by the Sheriff, that suggested assigning a "per radio" fee to each radio user and let their respective agency be financially responsible. Again, I don't believe that is a true measure of radio system use. Just because I have a radio does not mean I am using the radio system any more than the next person.

My staff is always willing to help maintain the professional relationship that exists with the Fire Departments in the county. It is important to note that I have expressed my stance with Mike Downs and he responded very positive. This is the official opinion that my agency supports.

Thanks For All That You Do,

Sheriff Brad Riley