



Waco Community Volunteer Fire Department

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Fire Chief Brent Gordon

Date: 03/05/2020

To: Gaston County Rural Fire Commission

Reason: Waco Reserve Fund

The Waco Volunteer Fire Department is requesting the \$9931.53 currently in the reserve fund to help pay for the cost of radio replacement. In 2006 the Waco Fire Department was part of a regional grant to purchase 800 MGH radio equipment from FEMA. Our current radios are XTS 2500 and are considered legacy radios. These radios can no longer be repaired and need to be replaced. With Gaston County moving to 800 MGH radios and with the changes coming to the viper system in the next 5-6 years we need to have TDMA compatible radios to remain interoperable with the viper system.

The Waco Fire Department has a total operating budget of \$444,199.00 per year with the Gaston County portion being \$33,255.00 per year. Gaston county accounts for 7.4% of the total budget for the fire department. The current radio purchase agreement with Motorola is \$134,814.17. The equivalent for Gaston County at the same 7.4% is \$9976.00. Cleveland County will fund the remaining \$124,882.64. The fire department would like to use the reserve fund we currently have to fund this portion of the project. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

Brent Gordon

Chief