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SAC Mark Perez, Chairman
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Re: Radio Inventory Refresh

Dear Chairman Perez,

As you may know, I am the Vice Chairman for the House Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee. On 28 January 2016, during the roll out of the committee budget proposal, I asked a question related to where line item #98 for \$7 million for radio inventory refresh originated. I was told that these dollars have been requested and vetted through the Joint Task Force and the Department of Management Services.

Today I am writing you as Chairman of the Joint Task Force requesting prior documentation demonstrating the approval of this request by the Task Force plus any additional supporting documentation for the request of this additional funding.

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Charles Van Zant, Vice Chairman
Government Operation Appropriations Subcommittee

Cc:

The Honorable Rick Scott, Governor
The Honorable Jeanette Nuñez, Chairman, Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee
The Honorable Adam Putnam, Commissioner, DACS
The Honorable Jeff Atwater, CFO, DFS
Mr. Chad Poppell, Secretary, DMS
Mr. Rick Swearingen, Commissioner, FDLE
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Honorable Charles Van Zant
Vice Chairman
Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee
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Dear Vice Chairman Van Zant:

In reference to your February 4, 2016 correspondence, the proposed \$7 million FY 16-17 for Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) radio inventory refresh was not presented or discussed during any Joint Task Force (JTF) Board meetings in 2015. In fact, as JTF Chairman, I was just recently made aware of this request.

Last year, the JTF discussed a \$7 million allocation for SLERS radio replacement the Department of Management Services (DMS) received in the FY 15-16 General Appropriations Act. Similar to this year's item in question, the JTF did not request that appropriation. On September 14, 2015, the JTF convened a workshop to discuss implementation options for the allocation. Further, on November 10, 2015, the JTF received an update from DMS wherein the Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, Department of Business & Professional Regulation / Division of Alcohol Beverages and Tobacco and the Department of Corrections requested new radios and the Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles / Division of Florida Highway Patrol, Department of Financial Services / Insurance Fraud & Fire Marshal and Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services opted-out of receiving new radios.

On behalf of FDLE, the decision to opt-out of receiving new radios was due in part to the SLERS procurement process currently underway. The SLERS procurement was recommended by the JTF in its 2014 Strategic Planning Report. Furthermore, the JTF advised the SLERS agencies to identify their radio equipment needs and include them in their agency's legislative budget requests.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. Additional information about SLERS and the JTF is available via the DMS website.

Sincerely,

Mark Perez, Special Agent in Charge
Joint Task Force, Chairman

cc: Mr. Richard L. Swearingen, Commissioner, FDLE
The Honorable Jeanette Nuñez, Chairman, Government Operations Appropriations
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Joint Task Force Board Members

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