



MEMORANDUM

Date: November 21, 2025
To: Fire Chief Richard Sander
From: George Hyland, Deputy Fire Chief
Subject: **Portable Radio Surplus**

Purpose

To sell our current stock of obsolete portable radios and related equipment that were replaced through ETSB purchase.

Background

In October of this year, the department and the DuPage ETSB have transitioned to updated communication platforms that provide improved interoperability, enhanced digital capabilities, and greater reliability during emergency operations. The Lombard Fire Department currently maintains a cache of legacy portable radios that are no longer compatible with our operational, technical, or safety requirements.

The radios identified for surplus are outdated models that:

- Are no longer supported by the manufacturer
- Cannot be upgraded to meet current STARCOM21 standards
- Lack modern safety features such as improved encryption and enhanced audio clarity
- Present higher maintenance and repair costs due to scarce replacement parts
- No longer align with ETSB's operational radio template or countywide communication standards

Because these units have been removed from frontline and reserve service and no longer provide operational value to the department, it is recommended that they be formally declared surplus equipment. Following this declaration, the radios can be sold to the DuPage ETSB or a vendor supplied by them. This ensures appropriate accountability, documentation, and potential cost recovery while complying with countywide communication asset procedures.

Recommendation

Declaring the radios surplus will allow the department to streamline its equipment inventory, reduce storage and maintenance burdens, and ensure future communications resources remain standardized, interoperable, and mission ready.