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**FIRE DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
Randy Hill, Public Works Director

FROM: Jerry Ewers, Fire Chief

DATE: March 14, 2012

SUBJECT: Purchase order request for storm warning siren upgrades

INTRODUCTION:

The City of Muscatine has been awarded federal assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, disaster DR-1930 for the purchase and installation of twenty-three (23) outdoor warning siren radio controllers.

BACKGROUND:

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is available for communities for mitigation projects. The Muscatine Fire Department submitted a Notice of Interest for the Hazard Mitigation Grant for upgrading the storm warning sirens and we were notified that our request met the guidelines of the program and that we were allowed to apply for the grant.

The City of Muscatine was notified February 22, 2012 that the grant application was approved and City Council approved entering into a grant agreement with the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division on March 1, 2012. The total grant award was for \$ 59,527 and the city's 15 % match for the project is \$ 8,930.

Fire Department staff and Muscatine County Emergency Manager went to Des Moines to attend the grant agreement training and to date we have complied with all the pre requirements and we are now ready to issue purchase orders to Danko Emergency Equipment, which is a sole source provider for our outdoor warning sirens, for the equipment and installation for this project.

It is city staffs recommendation to move forward on the project immediately instead of waiting till the April 5th council meeting because we would like to get the siren upgrades completed prior to the tornado season.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

Request authorization to issue two purchase orders to Danko Emergency Equipment. The first purchase order for \$ 35,279.50 is for equipment and the second purchase order for \$ 24,247.50 is for installation. The city's 15% share of the total project is \$ 8,930.

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