



# **Greenwood Police Department**

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Date: 06/10/2025

Subject: Request for Funding Assistance for Radio Equipment Upgrade

Dear Ms. Lauer,

I am writing to update you on recent developments in the Greenwood Police Department and to seek your assistance with an urgent communication equipment upgrade.

Previously, I collaborated with Sean Smith on securing a grant from the 911 Fund to acquire Central Square for Greenwood. I am proud to report that this system is scheduled to go live this coming August, which will significantly enhance our department's capabilities.

Recently, I contacted Sean regarding the replacement of portable and vehicle radios. He kindly directed me to reach out to you for support.

Since becoming Chief in Greenwood in November 2022, I have worked diligently to address the department's critical needs. At that time, we were severely understaffed and lacking essential equipment, such as body cameras and tasers. Today, I am pleased to report that we are fully staffed and have made considerable progress in equipping our officers.

However, our radio communication system continues to pose significant challenges. Our current radios experience numerous dead zones throughout the city, forcing officers to rely heavily on cell phones for dispatch communications. Despite installing a larger antenna and testing signal strength with technicians, we have not observed meaningful improvements in communication reliability.

In our search for solutions, we discovered that Motorola offers advanced features designed to improve signal quality. After obtaining a suitable quote covering necessary features—excluding non-essential add-ons—we regretfully find that city funds are insufficient to cover the \$129,119.90 cost for acquiring 14 portable radios and 6 vehicle radios.

Given the critical need for reliable communication, officer safety, and effective coordination with outside agencies, Greenwood Police respectfully requests funding from the 911 Fund to support this purchase.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this request further and am available for a meeting at your convenience.

Thank you for your consideration and ongoing support.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitch Armer".

Mitch Armer  
Chief of Police  
City of Greenwood Missouri