

**CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM**

To: Samantha Abell, City Manager
From: Dante Elbin, Chief of Police
Date: October 7, 2013
Subject: State Farm Safety Grant Application

REQUEST:

The Gautier Police Department requests City Council authorization to submit an application for a Good Neighbor Citizenship Company Grant to State Farm for department communication equipment needs.

BACKGROUND:

To support the communities where they live and work, State Farm focuses their giving in two areas: Safety and Education. The Company's Safety Grant is intended to keep neighbors safe through Auto and Roadway Safety, Teen Driver Education, Home Safety and Fire Prevention, Disaster Preparedness, and Disaster Recovery programs.

DISCUSSION:

In order to keep citizens safe on the road and to be prepared for disasters, police departments must have the necessary communication equipment. The Gautier Police Department has identified a need to replace the department's current analog radio equipment with digital equipment in order to be compatible with the Jackson County Emergency Management District's equipment once their transition to solely digital equipment takes place by 2017. The Police Department requests authorization to apply for an equipment grant for digital radios in an amount up to \$30,000.00 to partially defray the cost of the system upgrade. The deadline for grant application submission is October 31, 2013. No match is required.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Police Department recommends that City Council approve submission of an online grant application to State Farm for department radio equipment needs prior to the October 31, 2013 deadline for up to \$30,000.00.

The City Council may:

1. Approve the above grant application submission as presented;
2. Approve the above grant application submission with changes; or
3. Disapprove submission of this grant application.

ATTACHMENT(S):

N/A