

HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF

What was the total cost to encrypt all radios in Hennepin County?

In 2016 anticipated total costs to upgrade remaining radios totaled \$18.5 million dollars. This included Police, Fire, EMS, Hospitals, Airport, School Districts, and Public Works; totaling 164 divisions or agencies. Not all agencies did or will upgrade to encryption.

Breaking out only Hennepin County Law Enforcement radios, it was \$8.7 Million total. Each city was broken up and was provided information if their current radios were able to be retrofitted or if they would need to purchase new radios. These costs were also placed on each individual city.

Was there public input for was this discussed beyond Law Enforcement Officers?

Yes. Each city had to take this information and get approval from their individual City Councils to purchase these radios or add the encryption upgrade after the purchase. Additionally, we have two city administrators on the UAB that provided input.

What other agencies have encryption?

Numerous agencies around the nation have encrypted all of their law enforcement operations. Some states with numerous agencies that have encrypted all operations:

- Alabama
- Arizona
- Colorado
- Washington DC
- Georgia
- Iowa
- Michigan
- North Dakota
- Texas
- Washington
- Alaska
- California
- Connecticut
- Florida
- Illinois
- Louisiana
- New Jersey
- Oregon
- Virginia

For a full list, you can visit:

https://wiki.radioreference.com/index.php/Encrypted_Agencies

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