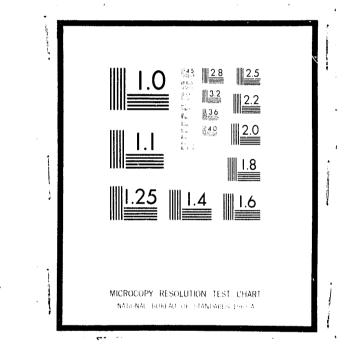
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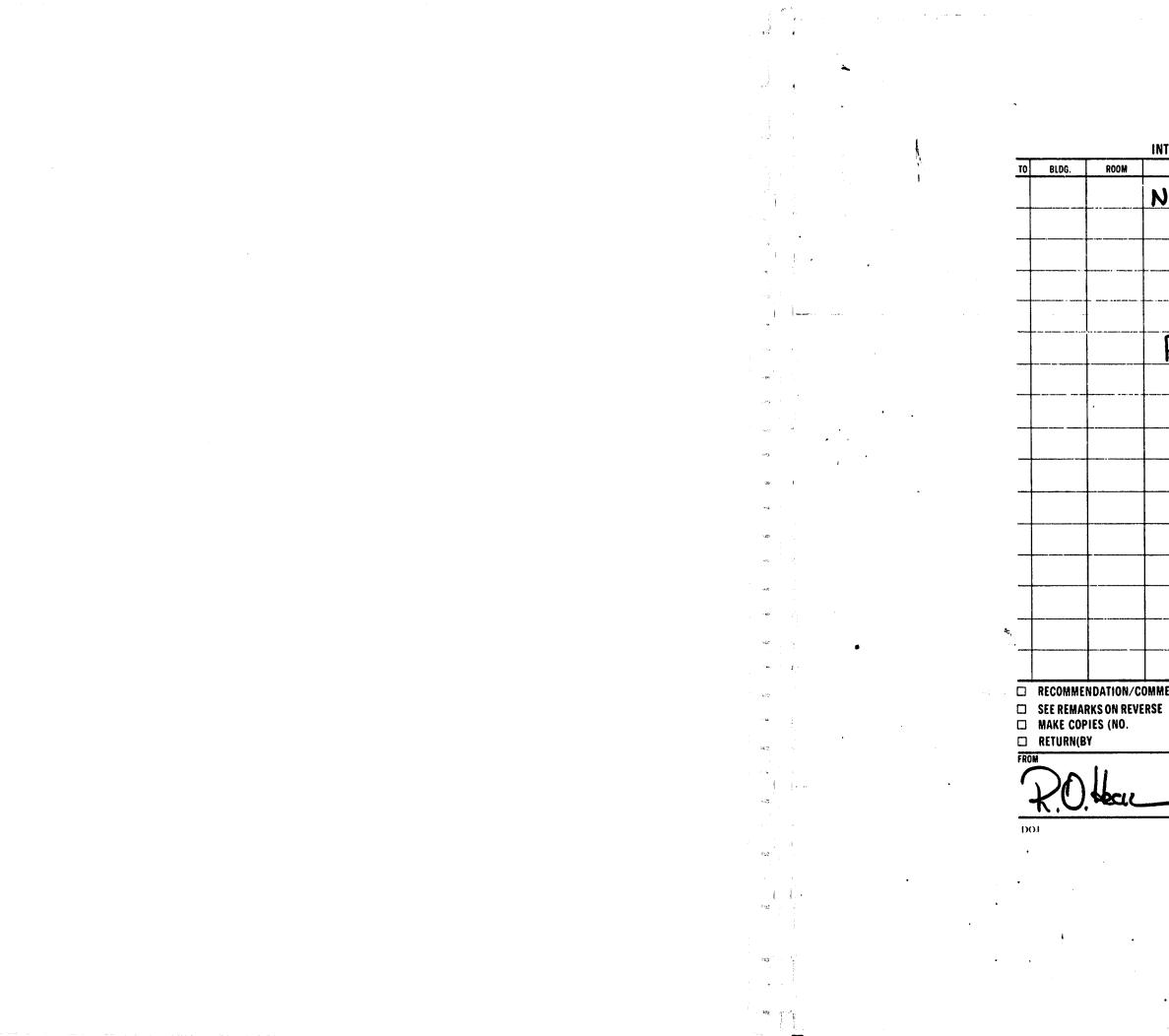
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The State of Washington Law and Justice Planning Office (LJPO) recently requested technical assistance from the U.S. Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA). The technical assistance requested was to help LIPO determine if the King County Department of Public Safety (DPS) was justified to make a "sole source" purchase of Motorola MX-300 series hand-held portable radios. These radios are capable of 8-frequency receive and 16-frequency transmit operation and no rádio equipment manufacturer, other than Motorola C & F, markets such a product at this time.

DPS is seeking hand-held portable radios that will exactly duplicate the operating capabilities of UHF mobile radios that are installed in DPS vehicles. The mobile radios are capable of receiving on eight UHF frequencies and transmitting on 16 UHF frequencies. Eight of the transmit frequencies are approximately 5 MHz removed from the other eight transmit frequencies; thus, requiring "wide-spaced" transmitter capabilities.

LJPO personnel harbor a feeling that DPS is seeking greater operating capabilities in the portable radio equipment than is actually required. LJPO feels that sole source purchasing of the MX-300 series portable radios is an unnecessary "gold plating" of the system.

LJPO has retained the professional services of Pacific Western Engineering (PWE) to assist DPS in getting the entire DPS communications system operational. LIFO feels that, although technically competent, PWE does not have the expertise to adequately assess the DPS operational (Police) requirements to determine if a sole source procurement, of the portable radio equipment, is justified. Both LJPO and PWE representatives feel that PWE's effectiveness in assisting DPS install their entire radio communications system would be lessened if PWE became involved in the sole source procurement decision process.

As the first step in assessing the problem, the consultant met with the LJPO coordinator assigned to the King County DPS project -- Ms. M. Linda Chapman, and with PWE vice-president and consulting engineer -- Mr. James A. Goosman, P.E.

The LJPO and PWE representatives provided the consultant with copies of the DPS grant application (application no. 75-C-0144), DPS' communications master plan, correspondence seeking to justify the request for authorization to purchase the portable radio equipment on a sole source basis, the PWE prepared DPS system documentation, and a general verbal discussion about the DPS system operational requirements as understood by LJPO and PWE.

SECTION I. INTRODUCTION

Meetings were then held with DPS personnel who are in command positions; who are involved with the LEAA funded project; and, who are responsible for the system design. The purpose of these meetings was to get a more detailed and accurate description of the King County DPS police operations, county geographic and topographic considerations, and the associated communications system requirements, plans and operations.

The DPS personnel met with included:

Lawrence G. Waldt, Sheriff --- Director Donald R. Actor, Chief --- Patrol Division Harold W. Booth, Chief --- Bureau of Staff Services Lt. T. Allmen, Communications Officer Lt. Nickle, Criminal Investigation Division Sgt. C. Wilkie, Grant Project Director Frank Porter, Jr., Communications Supervisor --- Engineer

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The consultant also attempted to meet with representatives of the three major radio communications equipment manufacturers: General Electric Co., Motorola C & E, and Radio Corporation of America. He hoped that these people could give him further insight on the operational requirements of the King County DPS.

The industry representatives met with included:

Paul Bolerjack, General Electric Company William Pratt, Motorola C & E, Inc.

The representative for Radio Corporation of America was not available to meet with the consultant.

SECTION II. UNDERSTANDING THE PROBLEM

The evaluation of DPS' alleged need for 16-channel transmit portable radios must be viewed in two parts: (a) within the constraints of the Patrol Manpower Utilization Study -- application no. 75-C-0144 (Appendix A), and; (b) within the broader constraints of the DPS operational requirements for the entire county.

Evaluation of parts (a) and (b) mentioned above is influenced by geographic and topographic characteristics of King County. Because of these influences, it is appropriate to briefly discuss the physical characteristics of the county, and the DPS communications system characteristics.

King County is approximately two thousand square miles in size. It is fairly heavily populated in the western portion of the county and becomes relatively sparsely populated as the county extends east of the Seattle metropolitan area.

Vashon Island is also located in King County. Although five DPS officers are assigned to Vashon Island, no further mention will be made of this portion of the county. This is because the officers on this island cannot readily respond to most DPS assignments on the mainland.

The county has a number of mountainous areas that are rather heavy in foliage; this tends to reduce the operating range of radio equipment operating in the UHF range. The mountainous nature of the area both helps and hinders radio communications -- particularly in the UHF frequency region that the DPS radio system is being developed in.

The UHF system design and features are adequately delineated in the reports titled: "An Introduction to the King County Department of Public Safety Radio System," prepared by Pacific Western Engineering Corporation (Appendix B), and "Communications Master Plan -- King County Department of Public Safety," prepared by Frank L. Porter, Jr., Communications Engineer (Appendix C). Both reports will often be referred to, but not repeated here.

Page 6 of Porter's DPS Communications Master Plan (Comm-Plan) lists the channels and frequencies that are being, or will be, used in the DPS system. Only the channels designated as County, East, Data, North, Southwest, Southeast, and Tac-1 will be discussed in the remainder of this report. All other channels are not capable of being operated, in conjunction with the above channels, with the type of portable radio equipment under discussion.

Page 15 of Porter's Comm-Plan shows how King County is divided into three precisions: North, Southeast, and Southwest. Each precinct has an operational communications system that is normally controlled through one of three dispatch consoles installed at the DPS communications center located at DPS' headquarters facilities.

In addition to the three operational systems mentioned above, an East radio system has been established for communications with DPS units operating in the Skykomish area -- at the East side of the North precinct.

The Tac-1 and County radio channels are to be capable of use throughout the county. Use of these channels -- particularly Tac-1 -- will be for special or localized communications needs. Use of these channels as intended will help keep communications on the primary operational channels from becoming disrupted when special communication needs arise.

The purpose of the Data channel is to provide a direct channel to a data terminal operator for information retrieval purposes. Use of this channel is restricted to data communications -- only voice now, voice and data later.

It is the contention of DPS officials that all portable radio equipment must be capable of operating on all of the seven two-frequency channels previously mentioned. The officials further contend that the portable radio equipment must be capable of transmitting on both of the frequencies associated with each channel; one frequency to be picked up at the fixed station receivers, located at mountaintop stations and other locations, and the other frequency to be picked up directly by the DPS vehicle or portable radios being operated in the area, as well as fixed-station receivers.

DPS officials justify this type of operation by citing several different types of instances that demonstrate why officers need to have all channel, 16-frequency transmit capability; mobile radio and portable radio.

Among the reasons cited by DPS officials are:

DPS states that it is common for their units to begin to "drift" over into the general area of an officer who has been given an assignment. This is particularly true when the assignment is of a type where the probability that the officer on assignment may need assistance is quite high. Family fights, brawls, etc. are generally of this type.

(1) Units of the same precinct providing "back-up" to an officer out of his unit on an assignment.

As a rule, the back-up unit starts "drifting" over to the general area when he hears the radio dispatcher make the assignment. If he is in the general area, the back-up unit can probably communicate directly with the officer who is out of his unit, but is carrying a portable radio. In this instance, the ability to transmit from the portable radio on both precinct frequencies appears to be a valid requirement.

However, DPS personnel did not cite specific instances or numbers of times that an officer has been injured, or worse, because he did not have this communications capability. Nor did the DPS personnel provide information on how often the actual need to directly communicate from a portable to a back-up unit radio occurs.

(2) Officers on assignment may be able to obtain back-up assistance from units in nearby precincts.

cinct boundary.

It was explained that an officer working in an adjacent precinct will drift over towards the nearby area where an officer from the adjacent precinct has been assigned. In this manner, the officer on assignment is afforded back-up protection when units from his own precinct are not in the vicinity.

Presumably, the officer on assignment can switch his portable radio to operate on the adjacent precinct channel. Communications can then be achieved directly between the assignment and back-up officers.

Unexplained, however, is how the unit operating in the precinct adjacent to the assigned officer's area becomes aware that back-up assistance may be required. This type of awareness was possible when everyone operated on the same radio channel. With the precincts operating on separate radio channels, the "party line" type of operation, where everyone knows what is happening, is no longer possible.

When questioned about how often the inter-precinct type of back-up occurred, no one could provide an estimate or any data that would enable an estimate to be derived.

DPS officials indicate that an officer on an assignment will be able to obtain back-up assistance from officers working in adjacent precincts, when both officers are close to the pre-

Also to be considered is the probability that a unit, operating in a precinct adjacent to the assignment area, would be within direct radio range of the limited transmit power of the portable radio. The limited range of the portable radio equipment would seem to preclude this type of communication -- even if the portable radio had the adjacent precinct frequencies installed.

features and capabilities.

Portable radio equipment having similar operational capabilities as the vehicle radios will probably enhance the officer's ability to remember how to use the radio. This can be extremely important in times of urgency or emergency when the officer must act swiftly.

The degree of proficiency in the use of the portable radio would be a function of how often either radio -- the vehicle radio or the portable -- is used in the various modes. Intuitively, the radios will not normally be used in all of the many operating modes available. If this is true, the training advantage gained from uniformity might be more illusory than actual.

DPS's inability to demonstrate how often the officer would probably use the portable radio equipment, in the various modes available, makes it difficult to properly evaluate this statement.

portables.

The portable radios, equipped as described, could be used from any location in the county. DPS personnel did not supply any information indicating their policy regarding the ratio of spares to operating radio equipment they intend to maintain.

The total number of spare radios required would probably be about the same even if the portable radios had less than the 16-frequency transmit capability. This is because the portable radios will be checked-out from the precinct office at

(3) Officer Training for using the radio system will be greatly simplified. Portable radios having control features similar to those of the vehicle radios will help the officer remember the equipments operational

(4) With the 16-frequency transmit capability, the portable radios can be used at any location in the county. This will allow DPS to maintain a smaller number of spare

the beginning of an officer's shift, and checked back in at the precinct office at the end of his shift. Presumably, spare portable radios would be maintained at the precinct office to replace malfunctioning equipment. It is hard to see where the total number of spare radios maintained at the precinct office would change much if 16-frequency transmit capability was available.

As stated, the manpower versatility will be enhanced because the portable radio equipment can be used in all precincts. DPS representatives failed to give any information on how often the shifting of manpower, from one precinct to another, is likely to occur.

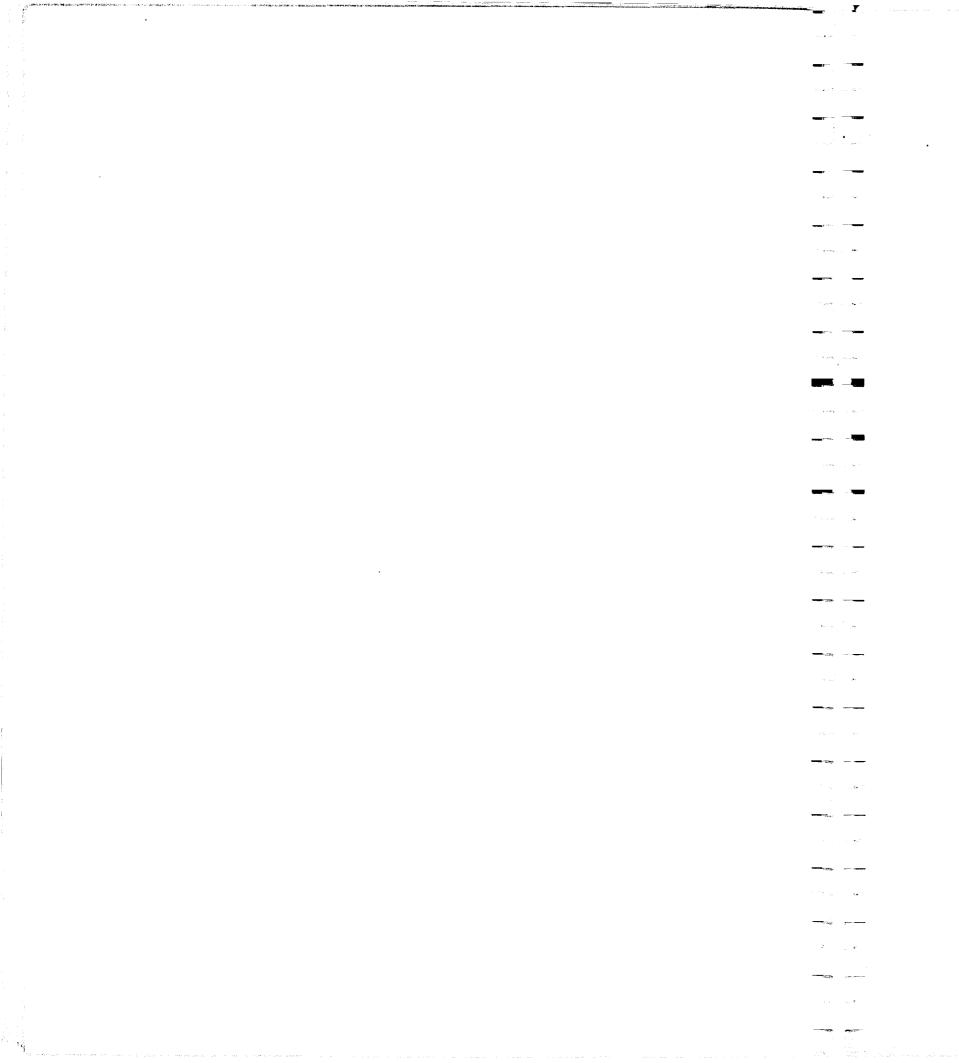
If officers are reassigned to other precincts quite regularly, this feature will be quite advantageous. On the other hand, if reassignment of the officers to other precincts is only done quite rarely, the advantage of having the 16-frequency transmit capability for this purpose will be relatively non-existent.

As explained by DPS representatives, the portable radios will be assigned to precincts. Equipment accountability will probably require that the portable radios be turned in at the precinct office where they were checked out. If this is so, the manpower versatility will probably not be affected too greatly if portable radios having less than 16-frequency transmit capability is used. The equipment accountability aspect was not discussed with DPS personnel, so this assumption is not verified.

DPS representatives could not provide any data that would give an indication on how often the movement of officers from one precinct to another takes place. This makes assessment of the manpower versatility feature extremely difficult. Proper assessment of this feature would require the development of data to give an indication of how often the shifting of manpower occurs.

In terms of manpower versatility, it is somewhat doubtful that more than a few officers will ever need to use their portable radios in the East radio system. Equipping all portable radios to be able to operate in the East radio system seems to be somewhat of an over-design.

(5) Manpower versatility will be enhanced because the officer can move from precinct to precinct without having to exchange portable radios.



Other suggestions were made, to justify the 16-frequency transmit portable radio, but the above mentioned points were the ones most often stressed. Unfortunately, DPS does not have information collected that supports the points mentioned above.

Quite often the statement was made, "The low transmit power output of the portable radios will prevent the officer from transmitting through a repeater station to the communications center. When this occurs, the patrol units only communication capability is to another patrol unit cruising in the area." This quite probably is valid in the western part of the county with the higher population and patrol densities, but appears to be less valid for those portions of the county that are somewhat sparsely populated, thus sparsely patrolled.

SECTION III. ANALYSIS OF THE PROBLEM

In analyzing the DPS request for the 16-frequency transmit capability in their portable radios, considerable emphasis is placed upon the fact that the county currently has seven 2-frequency UHF channels. This, DPS contends, means that a total of 14-frequency transmit capability is currently needed for the portable radio equipment. Expansion capability will then be available for one additional channel to be added at a later time. The seven channels have been identified in Sections I and II. In this section, each channel will be looked at with an attempt to determine the probability of need for the two-frequency transmit capability, and whether or not the channel should be installed in all portable radios.

Data Channel

This channel is designed to provide radio coverage in the western third of King County. The channel is used by DPS units to make data checks (i.e.,vehicle registration, wanted persons, etc.) directly with an operator located in the DPS communications center data room. Communications on this channel is direct to the data terminal operator, thus bypassing the precinct dispatcher.

Because this channel is for the purpose of seeking and receiving data -- voice now, voice and digital later -- there is no apparent need for car-to-car, portable-to-portable, or portable-to-car communications on this channel. Only one-frequency transmit capability appears to be required for operation on this channel.

East Radio Channel

Use of the East radio channel is restricted to the Skykomish-Stevens Pass area of King County. DPS personnel indicate that, for the most part, no officers are on duty in this area.

Until recently, an officer would go into this area once a twice a week. Now, however, the incidence of patrol in this area has been increased; an officer now generally patrols this area on a daily basis. At times, more than one officer may routinely patrol the area at the same time.

DPS personnel indicated that portable-to-portable and portable-tovehicle communications are required in the East radio system when officers are coordinating efforts to apprehend loggers illegally cutting timber.

At times, when the area is open to skiing, additional officers may routinely work in the area. The ability to communicate with each other by portable radio is desired. However, officer-to-officer communications through the portable or vehicle radios can generally be conducted through the repeater station for this type of communications.

The limited incidence of patrol in this area makes it somewhat dubious that all 40 of the portable radios being purchased in the LJPO grants must be equipped with this channel. Further, it is even questionable that all units operating in the North precinct must be equipped with portable radio equipment that is capable of operating on this channel.

Officers assigned to patrol in the East channel area could pick up portable equipment, capable of operating in the East system, prior to driving into the area on routine patrol duty.

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This radio system is designed to provide radio coverage to most parts of King County. The channel is to be used mainly for tactical situations, i.e., responding to robbery alarms, crowd control situations, and similar events where communications between officers using portable and vehicle radio equipment is required, and where a dedicated (non-precinct) channel is desired.

It is probable that, outside of the precinct channels, this channel will be used more than any other channel, for operational purposes. There is a valid need for this channel to appear in both modes (transmit-direct and transmit-through-repeater) in all of the portable radio equipment. Outside of operations on the precinct channel, operations on the Tac-1 channel will probably occur more often than on any other channel.

Southwest System

The Southwest system is the primary operating system for that precinct. The requirement for portable radios with two-frequency transmit capability on this channel is a valid requirement.

The requirement to have the Southeast precinct and the North precinct radio channels available on portable radios operating on the Southwest precinct is somewhat questionable. Particularly, the validity of requiring North precinct channels in portable radio equipment operating in the Southwest precinct is questionable. The precinct map, shown on page 15 of Porter's Comm-Plan, indicates that there are no common boundaries between the

Southwest and the North precinct between the two precincts.

Southeast Precinct

The availability of two-channel transmit capability in the Southeast precinct appears to be a valid requirement. It is questionable that portable radio equipment operating in this precinct must be capable of operating on the Southwest and North precinct (two-frequency transmit) channels. Inter-precinct communications can be handled on the County common or Tac-1 channels.

North Precinct

The two-frequency transmit capability is a valid requirement for portable radios operating in the North precinct. It is questionable that portable radios operating in the North precinct must also be capable of operating (two-frequency transmit) on the Southeast precinct. Even more questionable is the requirement that radio equipment operating in the North precinct also be capable of operating on the South precinct channels; this is because of the lack of a common boundary.

County Radio Channel

As described in Porter's Comm-Plan, the County common radio system is designed to provide radio coverage to the majority of King County. The channel is to be used mainly by detective units as well as other units that operate on a county-wide basis. It is also supposed to be used as a back-up or secondary channel for the three precinct operational channels. It appears that all portable radio equipment should be capable of operating on the County radio system on a two-frequency basis.

Southwest and the North precincts -- the City of Seattle is physically located

SECTION IV. CONCLUSIONS

In reviewing the DPS communications system plan, the consultant found it to be innovative and designed to meet existing as well as future DPS needs. In the consultant's opinion, however, the plan does not appear to support the need for portable radios capable of transmitting on sixteen frequencies. Subsequent discussions with DPS officials and representatives did not convince him that the 16-frequency transmit capability was required in the portable radio equipment.

When reviewing the portable radio channel requirements within the narrowly defined requirements of LJPO grant request no. 75-C-0144, the 16-frequency transmit requirement is not valid.

The grant application describes the area of operation to be four patrol districts in the shoreline area of unincorporated King County. More specifically, the project area is described as Adam-1, Adam-2, Adam-3, Adam-4, of precinct 2 -- the North precinct.

The project area is quite well-defined. The use of the portable radios in other parts of the county -- Eastern portion of the North precinct, Southeast precinct, or Southwest precinct -- are not within the scope of the grant application. However, the use of the County, Tac-1, and Data channels are within the geographic scope of the project. Two transmit frequencies are required for operation on the North precinct, County, and Tac-1 channels. A single-frequency transmit channel is required for operation in the Data radio system.

A total of seven transmit frequencies are required for portable radio operation consistent with the grant request. This can be accommodated with a portable radio that has an eight frequency and eight frequency transmit capability.

DPS officials point out that the life of the radio equipment will extend well past the life of the on-going project. The radio equipment will then be used in all parts of the county -- thus justifying the requirement for 16-frequency transmit capability.

DPS officials also point out that only 20 of the 40 radios are to be purchased in the Patrol Manpower Utilization Grant. They state that the remaining 20 radios do not have the same operational (geographical) constraints as the first 20 radios do. Thus, they state, the second 20 radios are well justified to be of the 16-frequency transmit type.

There is some merit to the DPS argument if it is determined that 16-frequency transmit capability is required on the portable radio equip-

ment not purchased in the Patrol Manpower Utilization Grant.

DPS officials also state that, in their opinion, they are being forced to purchase obsolete radio equipment if they must accept portable radio equipment that has less than the 16-frequency transmit capability. The obsolescence they describe will be one of an operational nature rather than of a technical nature.

Obsolescence, of the type described by the DPS officials, is a subjective matter based upon their belief of what they should have. Their belief on what they should have is based upon their knowledge of what type of communications equipment is presently available. Unfortunately, this type of equipment is only available from a single radio equipment manufacturer -- Motorola C & E.

There is little doubt that communications through-the-repeater and direct, is a desirable feature of any portable radio equipment purchased. An officer who is out of his vehicle, and requires help, is most likely to get the necessary assistance from another unit operating in the same precinct.

An officer assigned to an incident that would normally require a back-up will generally get that back-up from another unit working in the same precinct, who overhears the dispatcher make the assignment. The direct communications mode on the portable radio equipment is a valid requirement in this case.

Most of the incidences cited by DPS officials for the direct officerto-officer, portable/portable or portable/vehicle communications requirements are of the type that can be accommodated on the precinct or on the Tac-1 channels.

DPS officials cite the need for all portable radios to have the capability of talking, through-the-repeater and direct, to another portable or vehicle radio on all precinct channels. They cite instances where a unit from one precinct can ease over into another precinct to back-up a unit that is on an assignment.

As previously discussed, what the DPS officials don't explain, is how the unit in one precinct knows when another unit in another precinct needs the back-up assistance. Presumably, in rare instances, the precinct radio dispatcher will assign a unit to go into an adjoining precinct to provide necessary assistance.

DPS officials were not able to provide any data on how often interprecinct operations, of the type described are required. Intuitively, it is true that operations of this type can be beneficial, but no actual supporting

data was available to indicate how often events of this type are likely to happen. Consequently, the consultant is of the opinion that, although desirable, it is not necessary to have all precinct channels available on the portable radios.

The single largest appeal that would justify buying portable radio equipment with a 16-frequency transmit capability is that of uniformity. The officer would have a better knowledge of what channel to switch to in order to operate in any area of the county. Operation of all of the portable radio equipment would be the same as well as being quite similar to the operation of the mobile radio equipment installed in the DPS vehicles.

The logic of this appeal is well based. There is much to support this approach. However, the probability of the radios being operated (in the direct mode) on other than a few channels (Precinct, Tac-1, County common) appears to be relatively small. Because of this, there is not enough apparent benefit from the approach to justify the sole source procurement.

Another argument in favor of uniformity is the fact that DPS can maintain a minimum number of spare portable radios if all of their radios are capable of operation anywhere in the county. With the 16-frequency transmit capability, it will be possible to assign the portable radio equipment to any part of the county without having to worry about what channel the radios can operate on. This feature would presumably allow DPS to keep all of their officers supplied with portable radio equipment with a minimum number of spare radios.

From a logistics point of view, this argument has merit. However, the county does not have an adequate "down-time" or maintenance history, for this type of equipment, to justify a decision on this basis. The argument for uniformity, for this reason, does not justify the sole source procurement.

A review of criminal investigation division portable radio requirements show that they often have a need to communicate with regularly assigned precinct officers. The CID officers' portable radio requirements differ considerably from the somewhat orthodox requirements of the rest of the department. Other radio channels are generally used for the CID surveillance work. This means that different operating channels are required for the CID officers.

Each of the radio center dispatch consoles -- three precinct consoles and one master console -- has patching capabilities which permits officers operating on one radio channel to be patched through to communicate

with officers operating on other channels. This patching capability can enable the CID officers to communicate with precinct officers when it is necessary to do so. In addition, if direct communications is necessary for specific instances, the CID and precinct officers can use the Tac-1 or County common channel.

In conclusion, the consultant is of the opinion that DPS can adequately meet their portable radio needs with an 8-channel transmit portable radio that has wide-spaced transmit capability. Equipment with 16 channel transmit capability is certainly more desirable, but that is not sufficient justification for the sole source procurement.

DPS officials cited many instances that the 16-frequency transmit equipment would be required to protect life or dramatically increase effectiveness. However, the instances they cited were intuitive and not substantiated with back-up information.

In justifying a sole source procurement of 16 channel transmit equipment, more than intuition is required. It is necessary to note the probability that certain events will happen, i.e., how often must an officer move from one precinct into an adjoining precinct to provide back-up service; how often must an officer go into an adjacent precinct on other police business, and if so, could he equally as well operate on the County common channel. Even then, it is necessary to know how many of those times that the officer would have to use his portable radio equipment for communications in lieu of using his standard mobile radio. At the present time, DPS officials cannot provide this information or other similarly required documentation.

The consultant does not believe that a portable radio capable of 6 channel operation will meet the DPS requirements. He does, however, believe that the majority of the DPS requirements can be met with an 8channel radio that has a transmitter capable of transmitting on frequencies that are separated by at least 5 MHz.

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The consultant recommends that the King County Department of Public Safety be authorized to purchase portable radio equipment capable of operating on eight separate channels. He further recommends that they be authorized to purchase the eight channel portable radio equipment of the type that is capable of transmitting on UHF frequencies that can be separated by a minimum of 5 MHz.

SECTION V. RECOMMENDATIONS

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The purpose of this gran application is to test the feasibility of programming noncommitted patrol time into more productive uses than traditional preventive patrol activity. Preventive patrol has historically been an operating principle of this and other police agencies; however, its value in reducing crime and apprehending criminals is not supported by recent analytical experiments. To improve management understanding of patrol time usage and activity, his project proposes to study the allocation of patrol time to various activities in a select area of unincorporated King County. Past estimates have suggested that as much as 50% of the Department's patrol time is noncommitted and thus potentially available for alternate, possibly more productive, uses.

An integral part of grant activity is the performance of time usage analyses to discern the relationship of committed to noncommitted patrol time. The purpose is to accurately reflect the potential for absorbing alternate patrol strategies into patrol unit work schedules. Also included are periodic analyses of the crime situation in the target area. The purpose is to appropriately assign patrol strategies which address particular crime problems and to establish realistic performance objectives for each strategy.

To properly implement alternative patrol strategies (crime scene investigation and followup case work, public education and saturation or strategic patrol) will require the purchase of portable radio units and various dictation equipment plus the contracting of limited clerical ...continued on Page 2(a) attached...

10. REGIONAL PLANNING COMMENTS This shall certify that the project has the approval of the King County Executive and King County Council. Three changes, two major and one minor, have been made since the initial preparation of the project plan and since the submission of a budget amendment to the State LJPO in November of 1974. The first relates to the "patrol manpower study" described on Page II-149 of the 1975 King County Law and Justice Plan. The Department has decided that the crime prioritization aspects of the study address certain patrol policy issues which could be more appropriately examined after completion of the patrol time expenditure analyses defined in this grant and certain sections of the study. We concur with the Department's decision to structure the project study in this manner.

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- 9. Summary of Project Intinued)
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The second concerns the project's objectives and evaluation design as outlined on Page II-156 and pages II-158 through 163 of the King County Plan respectively. Because of the ongoing nature of the crime problem analyses element of the project, effectiveness and performance objectives will be set following the completion of the initial analysis (note element 13, Section D of the application) and modified according to future analyses and the patrol strategies used to address various crime problems. As stated in the plan, the original project evaluation was tentatively prepared in anticipation of changing project implementation conditions. The final evaluation methodology designed for the project study realistically models the methods to be used in the collection and evaluation of project data. We agree with the project director's conclusion that as study activities mature, the proposed evaluation model will assume major significance to sworn personnel in the target area.

- A minor change in the grant budget as amended from the original
- area and for providing any necessary crime-scene equipment.
- designed for an 18-month period.

This office is highly supportive of the grant project and agrees that increased experimentation is needed in regard to present patrol practices.

support. The target area consists of four patrol districts in the Shoreline area of unincorporated King County with a patrol force

force ought to reflect an increasingly effective police service, both in terms of crime reduction and criminal apprehension. If this study sufficiently demonstrates that noncommitted patrol time can be rationally programmed for alternate uses, a significant redefinition

project plan should be noted. Due to price increases in the cost of portable radio units, any budgeted expenditures for crime-scene kits or for training purposes have been deleted. The Department will assume responsibility for training sworn personnel in the target

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	Electric Typewriter	26	26	473	525
	Portable Radio Units	1,940	1,940	34,920	38,800
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The justification for the first three items is defined in the comments contained on page 5a. The dollars budgeted are best estimates based on current market prices.

-The dictation equipment is best explained in two parts. The first, a cassette dictation recorder, coupled to a telephone line, will be used to record incoming case report information of patrol officers operating in the target area. The second, a transcribing station, will be used for the purpose of "playing-back" recorded dictation for typing. Both the telephone line and the linking device to the dictation recorder will be leased. • An electric typewriter will also be purchased for use by clerical staff in transcribing dictated reports. The experience of other police departments suggests that to record case report information on a phone recorder system for transcription by a typist is the most efficient method of eliminating time-consuming case report writing. **C3**-121 - 12

The bulk of the grant monies will be used to purchase a sufficient complement of portable radios to outfit patrol officers of the project's target area. The need for this equipment is defined in both section B and D of application narrative. Briefly, if patrolmen are to effectively perform police duties, an acceptable communication capability is of paramount concern to the management. Without the advantages of portable radio units, patrol officers are tied to radio-equipped patrol vehicles which limits flexibility in terms of any alternate task assignment. If patrolmen were to lose contact ith Radio while performing police related duties, the risk to personal safety is increased as is response to emergency requests for service. Both are unacceptable, therefore the purchase of portable radio units is clearly mandatory. The radio frequency of the portables will be compatible with the Department's new radio system. The budget dollars for this item are anticipated to be sufficient to purchase approximately twenty units, depending on the results of the contract bidding process. (5D)

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. Rationale

The uniformed patrol operation has the largest single budget in the King County Department of Public Safety, representing over 40% of the total departmental budget in 1974 and 45% in 1975. Historically this expenditure has been justified on the assumption that the existence of patrolmen on the streets serves three generally accepted public purposes: (1) the provision of a crime deterrence and criminal apprehension capability; (2) the provision of certain social and order-maintenance services traditionally delivered by the police; and (3) the maintenance of police officers in a reasonably small geographical area to respond to emergency requests for service. Determining which or what combination of these purposes justifies any particular level of commitment to patrol requires an independent examination of each in terms of patrol effectiveness and efficiency.

Until the completion of the Kansas City "proactive-reactive" patrol deployment experiment, there was a glaring lack of analytical or experimental research which measured the contribution of uniformed patrol to the reduction of crime and the arrest of criminals. Decisions concerning patrol manpower were not being sufficiently influenced by such factors as the impact of uniformed patrol upon crime or the point where additions to patrol result in diminishing marginal returns, but were instead dependent almost solely on the subjective opinions of police administrators. The King County Department of Public Safety currently plans the allocation of police manpower to uniformed patrol on the basis of input measures, i.e., numbers of patrolmen on the street, amount of reported crime in a specific patrol district, geographical and population characteristics of the County, etc. This method of planning, while necessary, is inadequate unless combined with an analysis of the effect of these inputs on the output measures (impact of patrol on crime rate, on-scene apprehensions, etc.) of patrol effectiveness.

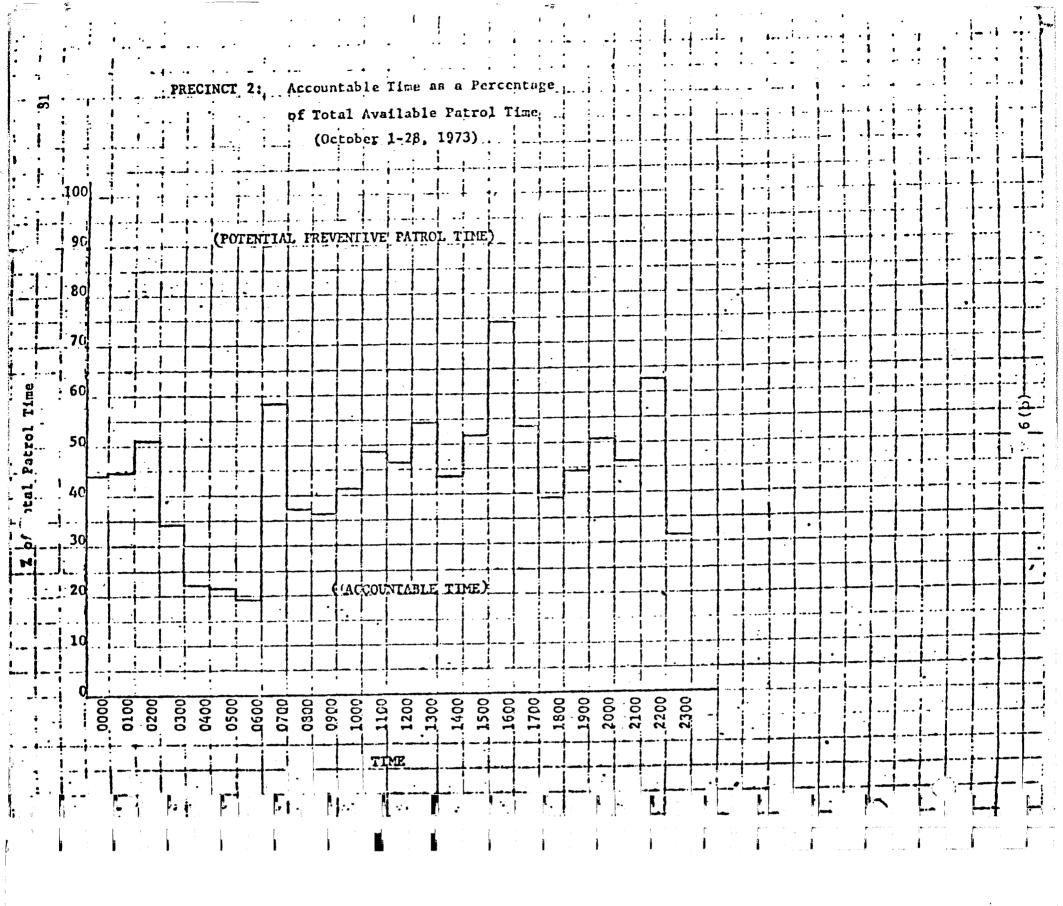
The best analytical work to date on certain aspects of patrol effectiveness, the Kansas City study, has not supported traditional views about preventive patrol's crime deterrence and criminal apprehension capability. Until the total study is received, however, and analyzed by our Department as well as others, we will withhold final judgment on the merits of the study's conclusions. If the results of the study have been derived from a logically consistent experimental research design (as would appear from the summary report), there would be sufficient justification to reevaluate the concept of preventive uniformed patrol in King County.

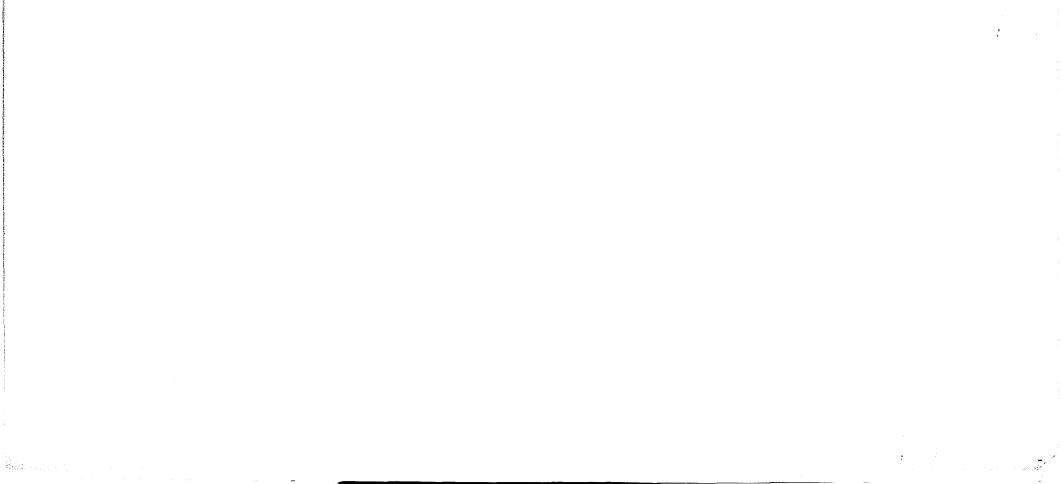
In the first quarter of 1974, the Department of Public Safety collected and analyzed response time data from October 1973 for the purpose of determining patrol manpower allocation and scheduling. After reviewing the conclusions of the Kansas City study summary, these data were also used, along with information on total patrol manhours gathered from precinct rosters, to estimate the amount of available preventive patrol time for this period. The Department was able to account for an average of approximately 47% of total available patrol time. This percentage includes time spent responding to calls, travel to and from patrol districts, lunch, coffee breaks, and roll-call. Case and miscellaneous report writing is not included, nor are routine

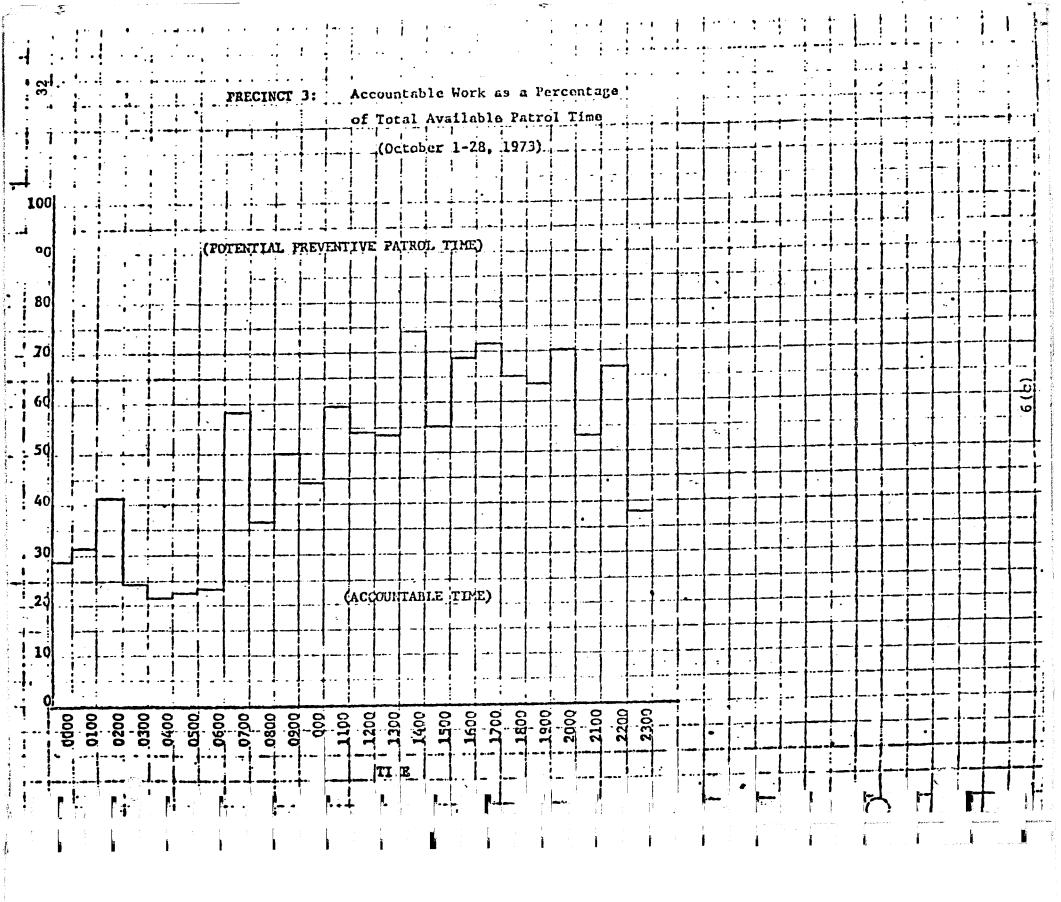
traffic violations or any nonreported on-view incidents. After making an allowance for these factors, the upper limit for nonaccountable (potential preventive patrol) time would be less than 533 and the <u>lower</u> limit for accountable patrol time would be in excess of 473. The attached graphs identify accountable and nonaccountable patrol time as a percentage of total available patrol time including the number of requests for service and the number of police units available to respond to these requests. Since this analysis was conducted in the last quarter of 1973, it is possible that with increasing requests for police service the amount of noncommitted patrol time now available has been reduced from these estimates. The conclusion remains, however, that a certain amount of time is being expended on preventive patrol when better uses of this time probably exist.

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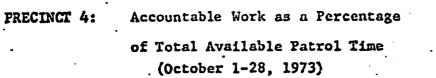


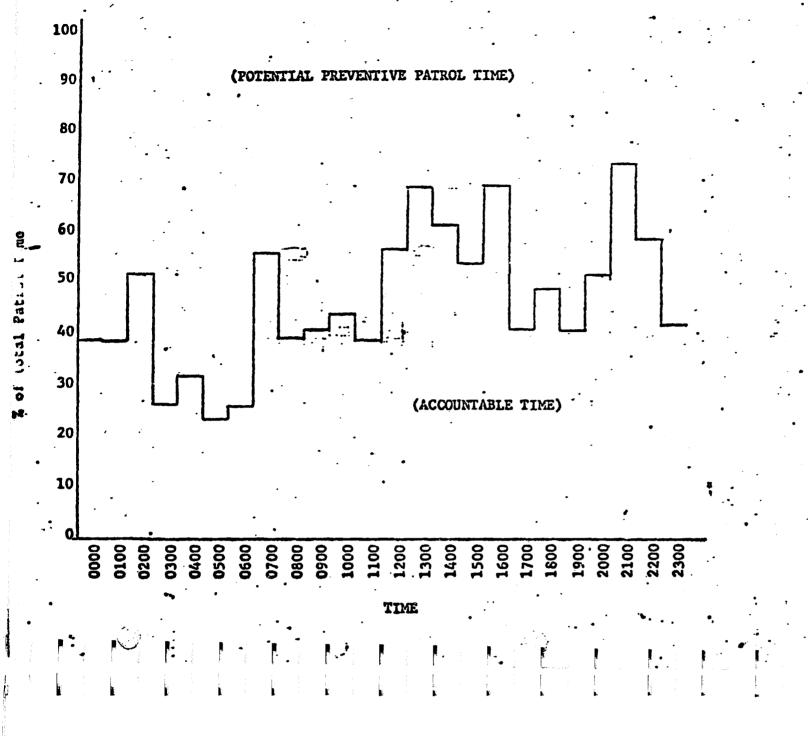






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The most appropriate problem statement contained in the 1975 Washington State Plan for Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice that would relate to the proposed project concerns Police Services Problem Statement I, "Current methods of dealing with specific crime problems are ineffective."

for the purpose of this particular project, however, certain qualifications to the statement are required. Police management in King **County has always sought ways of improving the uses of patrol per**sonnel. Implicit in these efforts is the notion that if better methods do exist then they should be tested and implemented, if proved successful. This does not imply, however, that existing uses of patrol personnel are totally ineffective and therefore unnecessary. As stated previously, police officers are maintained in a small geographic area in order to respond efficiently to emergency requests for police service. If the Kansas City experiment is universally applicable to all local police agencies, thus discounting the generally accepted value of preventive patrol, and if a patrolman's work schedule does not permit the assignment of added duties (as might be proven by the study), then perhaps the responsibility of government to provide this emergency police response capability is the sole reason for operating uniformed patrol units. If this is the case effectiveness would be a measure of whether patrol officers arrive at the scene of a police incident in sufficient time to effect a change in the outcome of a situation requiring emergency police response. This, however, is beyond the scope of the proposed study. To be tested is not the effectiveness of patrol response to emergencies but rather the feasibility of translating patrol time formerly spent engaged in preventive patrol activities into more productive police functions. Since no study exists on the effectiveness of patrol response to emergencies in King County, for our purposes the problem statement would best read, "some methods used by patrol are ineffective in dealing with specific crime problems." Whether better methods exist is problematical, until the conclusion of the project study.

Under the Washington State Plan, this project falls into Program Area SP-5, "Studies, Action Research and Evaluation." With respect to Goal 3-a of this program area ("To assist officials in making rational decisions based on empirical information") elected officials and police administrators of King County have indicated a desire to test various methods of improving the utilization of uniform patrol personnel. In a period of increased costs to operate local government and competing demands for a limited amount of local resources, these officials are committed to a search for better methods of providing local governmental services. (See attached memorandum.) For these reasons, this study is but one of a series of projects being conducted in the Department of Public Safety to increase efficiency and improve the quality of police service being provided by King County. By .gathering empirical data on the time expended by patrol officers on various police activities, police management of King County should be furnished with sufficient information on which to base decisions on the feasibility of increasing the assignment of responsibilities previously held by other units of the Department.

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The objective of this project is consistent with Objective 4-E of Program Area SP-5, "To evaluate the effectiveness of existing criminal justice system and techniques in reducing crime and recidivism." By analyzing the work programs of uniformed patrol personnel, identifying areas in their work programs which might be used more productively and by developing alternative programs of more utility for the uniform patrol operation (such as increasing the investigation of crime scenes, assigning more responsibility for case investigation, creating more opportunity for uniform patrol activity in the area of community crime prevention) some impact is anticipated on the reduction of crime and the apprehension of criminals. This study proposes to measure that impact, provided that the work programs of uniformed patrolmen have the capacity to absorb added responsibilities.

B. Crime/System Impact:

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Raw data collected and analyzed as justification for the project suggests that something less than 53% of a typical patrolman's work schedule is being expended randomly patrolling for purposes of crime prevention or deterrence. What the data fails to indicate is the frequency, scope, and time of random patrol occurring during various shift periods when patrolmen are not responding to emergency requests for service. To eliminate these unknowns the project first proposes to examine these factors and derive some conclusions on which alternative "manpower utilization" strategy might be most feasibly implemented. The current strategies under consideration include increased crime scene investigation, responsibility for case followup investigations, and added duties in the area of community crime prevention. **Upon completion** of the time expenditure analysis, anticipated to occupy about three months of project time, some or all of the above strategies are expected to congeal into specific program activities, developed by project staff and project area sworn officers and implemented in the target area. Each of the program strategies will have varying impacts on crime and the apprehension of criminals.

The success or failure of the project may be reflected in changes in the crime and arrest rates for the project, in community satisfaction with police service provided, quality of offense reporting, and crime-scene investigation. Because of the difficulties in measuring these factors, project impact on crime and arrest rates will be the primary criteria for evaluation. As discussed later in the application, to suggest the degree of impact would be premature at this time.

Systems improvements generated by the project are more easily definable. The patrol force of the King County Department of Public Safety cannot be effectively utilized while tied to patrol vehicles. An officer loses contact with Communications once he leaves his radioequipped vehicle, and, as a result, is not available to respond to letails of a higher priority. Consequently, an officer leaves his ehicle only when necessary, which experience has shown to be quite frequently. While management is reluctant to instruct officers to eparate themselves from radio communications during patrol activities o perform police-related duties, management believes that many times situations require that this be done. The practice has many risks,

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'(b) Lines of reporting authority for staff are bifurcated according to Department. Sergeant Wilkie and Ms. McLaughlin will report to D. R. Actor, Chief, Bureau of Patrol and Enforcement, and H. W. Booth, Chief, Bureau of Staff Services respectively, who, in turn, report to Lawrence G. Waldt, Sheriff-Director, King County Department of Public Safety. Mr. Applegate will report to M: H. Wilkins, Coordinator, King County Law and Justice Planning Office, and W. P. Moyer, Manager, Program Budgets Division, King County Department of Budget and Program Planning, who, in turn, report to John P. Lynch, Director, King County Department of Budget and Program Planning. Both Sheriff Waldt and Mr. Lynch report to King County Executive, John D. Spellman.

Ultimate responsibility for decisions about project conclusions rest with the Executive.

(3) Cooperating and Participating Agencies. While this project most directly involves the Patrol Division of the Department of Public Safety, other divisions within the Department will closely relate to project activities, including Communications, Research and Development, and Criminal Investigation. The Program Budgets Division of the King County Department of Budget and Program Planning and the King County Law and Justice Planning Office will also be directly concerned with project operations. The Washington State Law and Justice Planning Office is a cooperating agency.

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Four contiguous patrol districts in the Shoreline area (an unincorporated area of King County, located north of Seattle) have been selected to serve as the project's target area. While it is a fairly safe assumption, as indicated by the data presented in the "Rationale" section of this application, that a certain amount of patrol time is being expended on preventive patrol in the target area, the scope, frequency, and time of occurrence during various patrol shifts is unclear. In order for the assignment of additional police responsibilities to easily dovetail into patrol time formerly spent randomly patrolling, a more detailed analysis of how patrol time is being utilized in the proposed target area is required.

During the first two months of the project, data on the use of patrol time in the target area will be collected and analyzed in two different ways.

In the first, a sampling procedure will be employed which may be described as taking a snapshot of patrol activity at random times. This technique has been applied to a variety of work measurement situations, and is particularly useful where job activities are widely varied and random in nature. The percentage of time that officers engage in a particular type of activity will correspond to the frequency with which they are observed in that activity, provided, of course, that a sufficiently large number of obs rvations is made. The "observations" will rely on self-reporting in c der to obtain the necessary volume of data at reasonable cost and in a timely manner. Data will be collected by hour of the day and by category of activity, with the categories to be defined by the project director and representatives of the patrol officers involved in the project.

The distribution of lengths of time for certain categories of activity is also of interest. For example, development of alternative strategies for use of preventive patrol time will depend not only on the amount of time available, but also on the manner in which it is likely to occur. The lengths of the time intervals could be determined by measuring a sample of intervals from start to finish, or,
because of their random nature, they can be determined by beginning at any random point after they have started and measuring the time to completion. Both methods will give the same average length for
a large number of samples. We will make use of the randomness property in this part of the study, by having the officer indicate not only what activity he is engaged in, but also the length of time to complete the activity (or if it is preventive patrol time, the length of time until the next call).

The second method is more detailed but probably less accurate than the first. Patrol officers are now required to maintain a log of major activities during the course of a duty shift. For project purposes, this practice will be refined to encompass all patrol time expenditures, including tasks which often go unreported such as case

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report writing, traffic stops, and certain on-view incidents. A random sample of logs from the target area will be selected for a one-month period and analyzed according to patrol activity.

As currently designed, this method will place heavy reliance on the ability of patrol officers to precisely record time spent on a wide variety of patrol functions. In this respect the first technique is thought to be more sound, since patrolmen will be responsible for reporting only a fraction of their work program rather than their entire schedule of activities. To the extent that patrolmen are able to accurately document time spent on various activities throughout a complete shift, this technique ought to confirm the validity of the "snapshot" method and so establish its reliability for future studies. If disagreements are found in the conclusions drawn from each of the two methods, the method of implementation designed for the two techniques will be refined and a second study conducted. It is also possible that a flaw might be discovered in one of the methods and that method discarded and the results of the other accepted. In any event it is essential to the success of the experiment that confidence in conclusions about the extent of usable patrol time available for other police activities be established prior to the assignment of any alternative tasks.

Task B

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This task will involve the purchase of equipment and services necessary to successfully conduct the study.

To permit patrol officers in the target area the ability to perform police duties away from their radio-equipped vehicles and still provide emergency response to service requests, requires equipping the patrol force in the target area with portable radio units. Therefore, a sufficient amount of project funds have been budgeted to purchase a complement of portable radio units that will provide this capability.

A limited amount of dictation equipment has also been proposed for purchase in order to further experiment with patrol time usage and activity. This equipment will be used to test the practicality of transferring responsibility for preparing a primary case report in final form from patrol officers to clerical staff. If it is feasible operationally to conduct patrol case report-writing in this manner and sufficient patrol time is released for alternative police tasks, then the activity of dictating case reports would have implications for the uniformed patrol operation countywide. Typing services will either be contracted with a private vendor or clerk/ typists hired on a parttime basis. Current estimates call for approximately 80 hours of required typing capacity per week.

Task C

This task will consist of a detailed analysis of the patrol time usage data collected at the outset of the project period (Task A).

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The purpose is to develop a better understanding of the relationship of committed to noncommitted patrol time. The tentative conclusions reached from previous analyses indicate that there may be some capacity in the existing work schedules of patrolmen to absorb certain alternative assignments. The results of this study element should more accurately reflect the extent of time available for other police-related task assignments.

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Task D

Any alternate patrol concept considered for implementation will be predicated on two factors. The first will be the conclusions derived from the time usage and patrol activity analysis described in Tasks "A and C." The second factor is dependent on the first and will involve defining and analyzing crime problems in the target area during hours where noncommitted patrol time exists. Problem analyses, to be conducted by project staff and sworn supervisory personnel assigned to the project, should result in an identification of specific police problems requiring particular types of patrol attention. The Department's crime reporting system, officer patrol logs and the judgments of uniformed patrol officers, will all serve as contributing factors to the problem analyses. Periodic reviews of the relationship of noncommitted patrol time to the crime problems of the target area will be conducted by project staff. The purpose is to adjust alternate patrol strategies to changing crime conditions in the target area.

Task E

The purpose of this task is to qualitatively set certain patrol objectives in the target area based on the patrol time allocation and crime problem studies discussed previously. The consideration of patrol time usage relative to the crime situation in the target area coupled with an articulation of what patrol management wishes to achieve in the delivery of patrol services which address definitive crime problems ought to suggest a need to implement certain patrol strategies. If, for example, analysis indicates that a substantial number of residential burglaries are occurring during the early morning hours in a particular section of a district in the target area, varying patrol strategies will likely be assigned to different duty shifts in order to accomplish different sets of service objectives. Saturation patrol might be employed by the morning shift between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. for the dual purpose of providing a sense of security to the community and of attempting to apprehend suspects in the process of crime commission. If the afternoon shift is taking the primary case reports on burglary offenses which occur during the early morning time periods, then responsibility for crime case investigation and other followup details might be assigned to appropriate patrol units. The objective would be to investigate cases to the point where either a suspect(s) is apprehended or a method of criminal operation is discovered that is consistent with other burglary offenses in the target area. Some investigations might also be carried to a point where further

investigation would be inconsequential; where neither a mode of **Operation** is identified nor a suspect arrested. These cases would then be transferred to the Criminal Investigation Division for further work, if any is required. The night shift in turn might be assigned responsibility for conducting public education meetings with burglary victims and concerned citizens in problem sections of the target area. The objective would be to reduce the opportunities for a burglary commission through some combination of block watch, home security inspections, or property identification activity.

In this example, the use of the three strategies of saturation patrol crime scene and followup case work, and public education is predicated on the existence of available, noncommitted patrol time. If the duty schedules of patrolmen in the target area are able to absorb the programming of added patrol strategies, increases in patrol output ought to be achieved through improvements in the allocation of patrol time.

Task F

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The content of the project's evaluation is contained in Section E.

Task G

The content of the project's evaluation is contained in Section E. (2) Objectives: The objectives for this project are best delineated

in two major areas.

The first relates to efficiency or output objectives which define the improvements realized in the use of patrol time in the target area. These improvements would reflect the extent to which noncommitted patrol time has been allocated to specific program strategies. Since raw data on patrol usage accumulated prior to the study suggests that about 50% of patrol time is unaccountable, a programming of a like amount of patrol time in the target area would be the ideal.

A commitment to this figure is unrealistic, however, since some patrol time considered unaccountable is probably unusable for alternate patrol purposes. Because of this problem, the study's primary objective will not be to indiscriminately assign added duties to patrol units but rather to examine the feasibility of using alternate patrol strategies during periods of patrol activity in the target area reduced, through analysis, to noncommitted status.

Indicative of improvements in the allocation of patrol time is the number of patrol hours programmed for alternate patrol duties, the additional types of patrol responsibilities performed, and the results of this performance. Basic indicators of output for the strategies now under consideration include numbers of cases investigated and cleared by patrol personnel in the target area during the project. period, numbers of community meetings conducted and numbers of specialized patrols performed. To attach specific objectives, other than qualitative, to project output indicators at this time is

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meaningless for the follining reason. Crime and patiol time analyses are integral parts of grant activity and will be conducted periodically through the duration of the project to assure a proper match of noncommitted patrol time vis-a-vis crime problems in the target area. To set quantitative objectives in the absence of this part of the study, particularly because of its continuing nature, is premature. Due to changes in crime conditions and patrol time allocation, this project will probably never be amenable to the establishment of output objectives, which are other than qualitative, without first coupling crime analysis to noncommitted patrol time experience.

The second objective relates to effectiveness and is generally defined for project purposes as reductions in specific crimes and increases in the apprehension of criminals committing these crimes. As was stated above, crime problem analyses have not been conducted because of their inclusion in the study as a continuing effort, thus specific crimes have not been identified as requiring special patrol attention and will not be until the project is initiated. Thereafter, crimes being addressed by various patrol strategies will be changed periodically as different crime patterns develop and different patrol time allocations occur.

An objective for reducing the occurrence of a crime(s) will be set after the identification of a crime problem and prior to the use of a particular patrol strategy(ies). In addition, specific output expected from the implementation of a patrol strategy(ies) will be set by sworn supervisory personnel assigned to the target area. This will serve as a performance objective for patrol officers in the target area until that problem is abated and another is identified. Careful records will be maintained on which Objectives are established during specific periods of the project; the strategies employed to suppress specific crimes and the results of this effort. Section E (Evaluation) contains additional information on recordkeeping as well as other matters.

GOALS

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The goal of this project is to demonstrate to the police administration of King County the feasibility of programming relatively noncommitted patrol time into alternate uses. This should be achieved by project termination.

The long-term goal of the project is to translate any improvements realized in the allocation of patrol time into reductions in the incidence of crime and increases in the apprehension of criminals throughout unincorporated King County.

E: Evaluation

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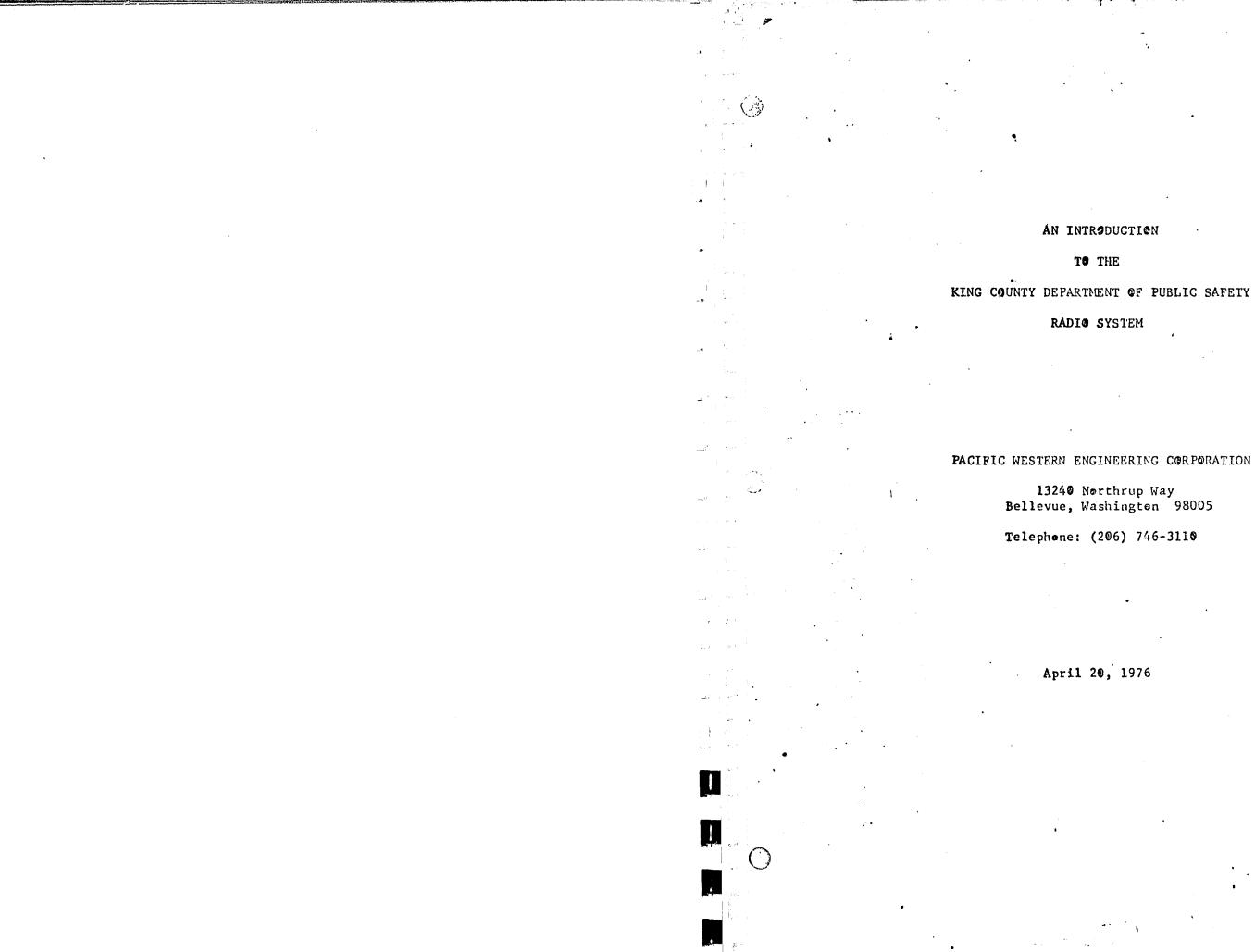
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APPENDIX B

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Communications System Report



AN INTRODUCTION

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RADIO SYSTEM

PACIFIC WESTERN ENGINEERING CORPORATION

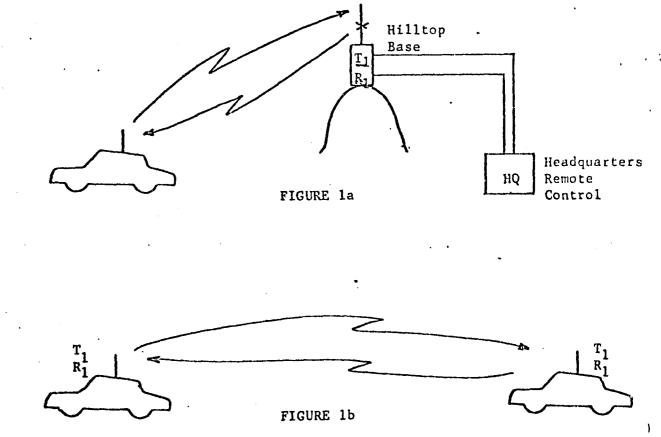
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April 20, 1976

"It was in the 1920's that police departments first recognized the value of radio communications. Early systems consisted of a transmitter at head-.quarters and a radio receiver in each police car. This method was a "oneway" radio system since the cars were unable to acknowledge a message.

Later systems incorporated transmitters in the cars and receivers at headquarters to allow officers to call headquarters. This method is called "two way" radio and is illustrated in Figure la. "Two way" radio systems, which allow one car to communicate with another, are illustrated in Figure 1b. The "headquarters" radio is called a "base station" and the cars are "mobiles".



The office of the King County Sheriff used just such a system for many years. The base station was located on Squak Mountain, with a remote control at headquarters, because the elevation permitted good base to mobile communications throughout 90% of the county. Note that a radio system which uses the same radio frequency for both

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transmit and receive is said to operate "simplex".

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The sheriff's office utilized a very high frequency (VHF) lo-band frequency of 37.26 MegaHertz (MHz) for simplex operation until 1959, when the frequency was changed to 155.19 MHz (VHF hi-band). There were several objections to lo-band at the time.

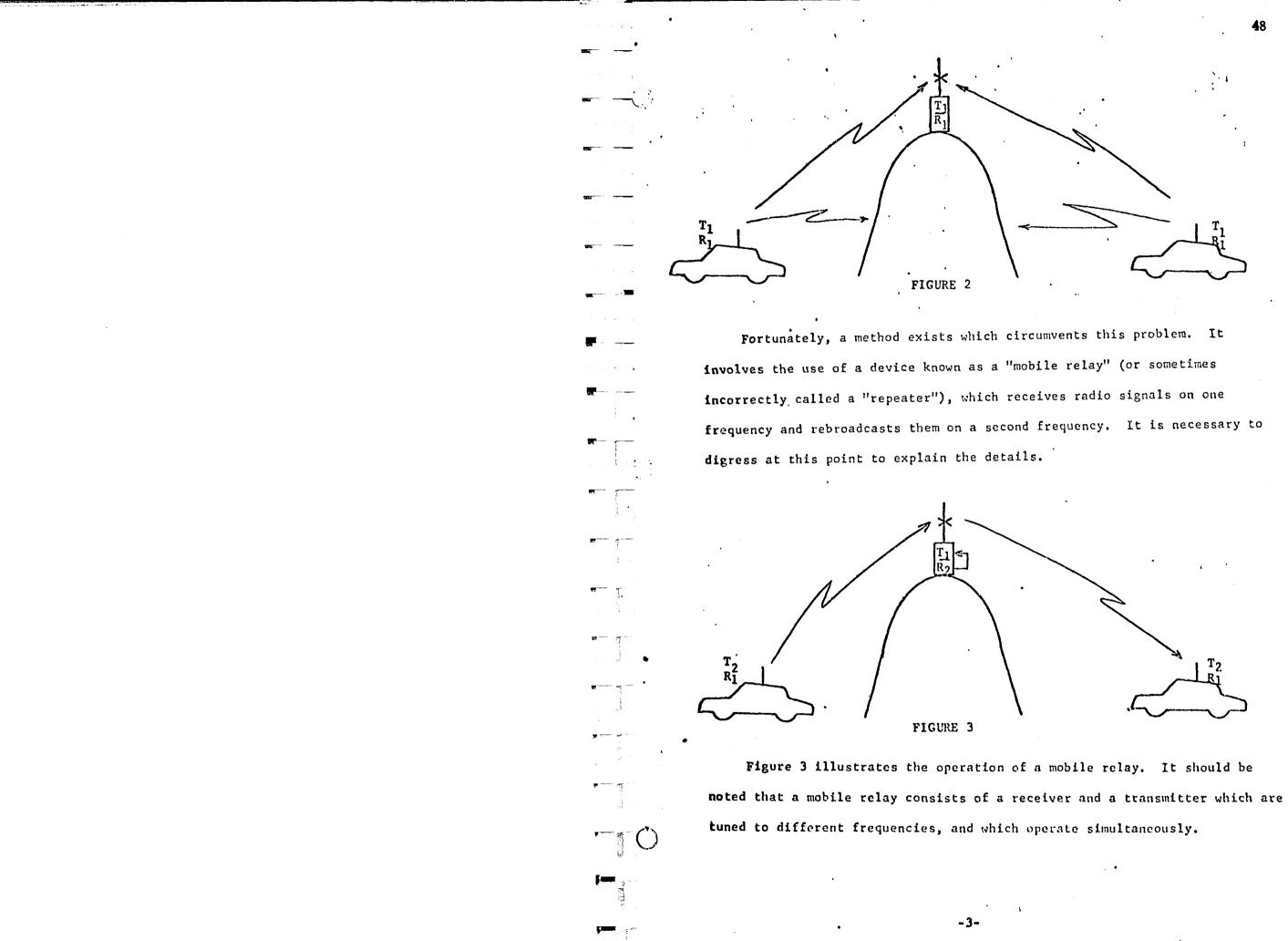
The chief advantage of lo-band is also its main disadvantage. Lo-band signals are not attenuated by great distances as severely as higher frequencies. This makes the lo-band ideal for county-wide communications. Unfortunately, lo-band signals are prone to "skip interference" which sometimes results in reception of radio signals from radio users, as far as 3,000 miles away, who operate on the same channel.

Although not crowded today, the lo-band was filled nearly to capacity in the late 1950's. This assured many possible sources of interference, including ignition noise.

Once the conversion to hi-band simplex was made, however, an entirely new set of problems developed.

Hi-band signals are attenuated by terrain such as hills and trees, and by distance, sufficiently seriously to prevent two mobiles from receiving one another if any obstructions, or sizeable distances, exist between them. Under these conditions, two mobiles can transmit simultaneously, unaware of one another, and cause destructive interference at the base station receiver which prevents reception of either. This situation is illustrated in Figure 2.

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This type of operation is termed "duplex". In order to utilize a mobile relay, every mobile must transmit on the frequency of the relay's receiver, and receive the frequency of the relay's transmitter. Such mobile operation is termed "half-duplex" because the mobile transmitter and receiver operate alternately rather than simultaneously. Mobiles which operate half-duplex cannot communicate directly. relay, therefore, stops all system operation.

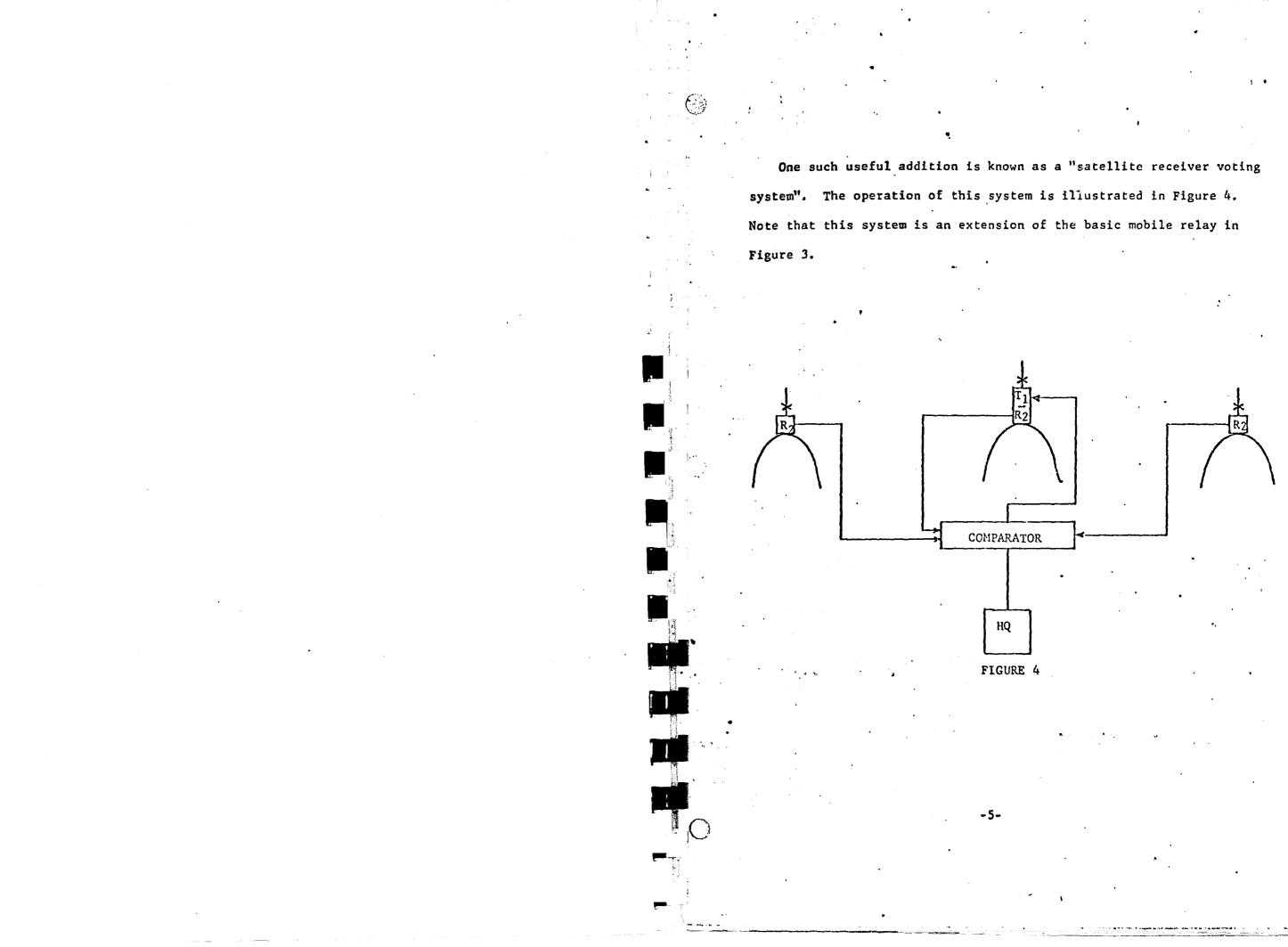
All radio traffic passes through the mobile relay. A failure of the

To preclude a total loss of communication, some radio users purchase mobile radios with an extra transmit channel. The frequency of this channel is chosen to allow simplex operation on the mobile relay transmit frequency. Upon failure of the mobile relay, the mobiles revert to simplex operation and continue to communicate with reduced range.

Since the mobile relay is usually located on a mountaintop, it serves as an intermediate agent to give mobiles the same elevation advantage that a base station has. The basic mobile relay configuration of Figure 3 is usable as shown. Some municipalities, however, choose to enhance their mobile relays with extra cost accessories. Some of these additions extend the capabilities of the mobile relay considerably.

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A satellite receiver voting system consists of one transmitter, up to 8 receivers, and a device known as a "comparator". All of the receivers are tuned to the same frequency.

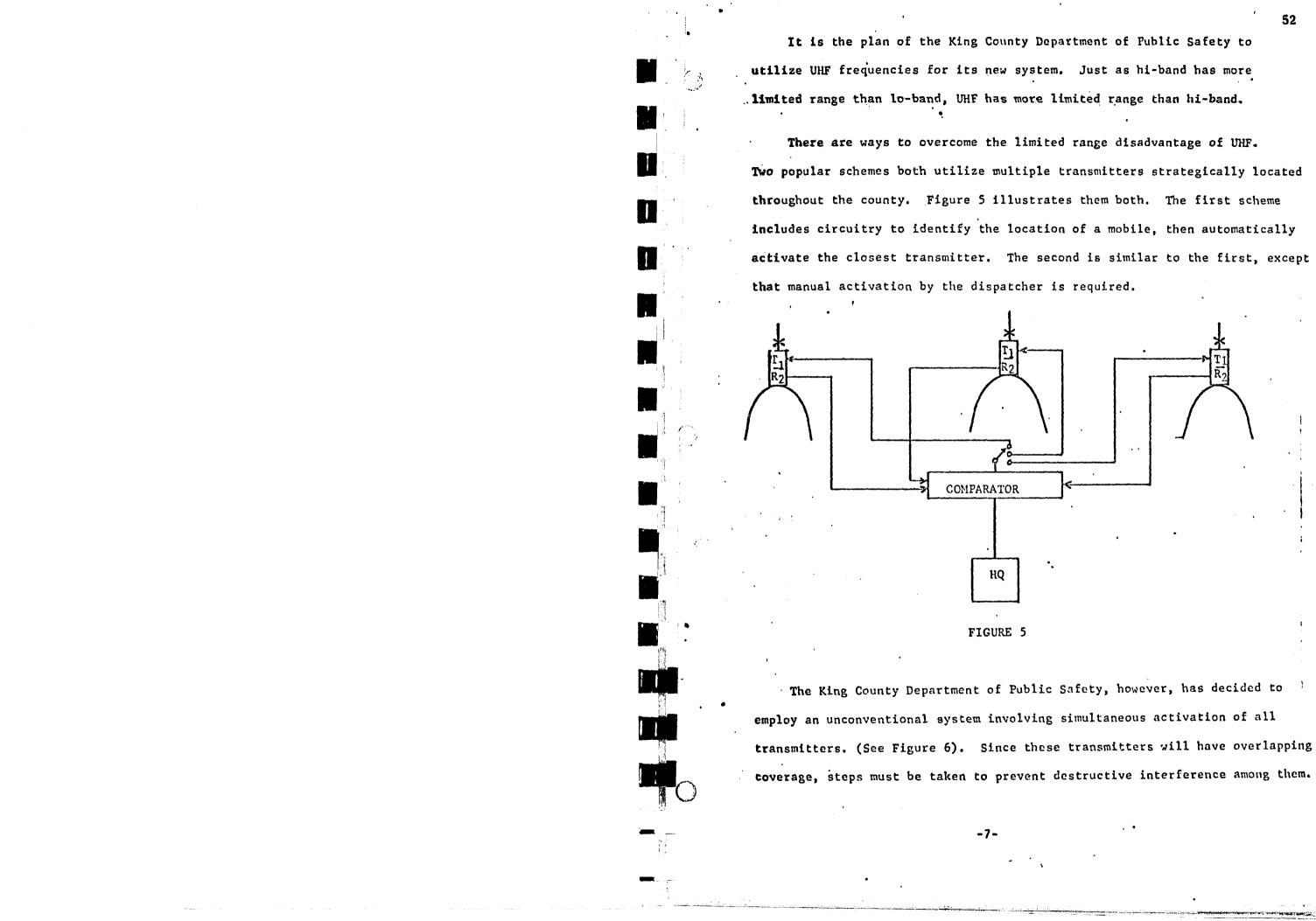
The receivers are strategically located at various locations throughout the repeater coverage area. The audio output of each receiver is connected to the comparator by wires, or other means. It is the function of the comparator to determine which receiver is receiving the best signal, and to allow only the best signal to be re-broadcast by the mobile relay's transmitter.

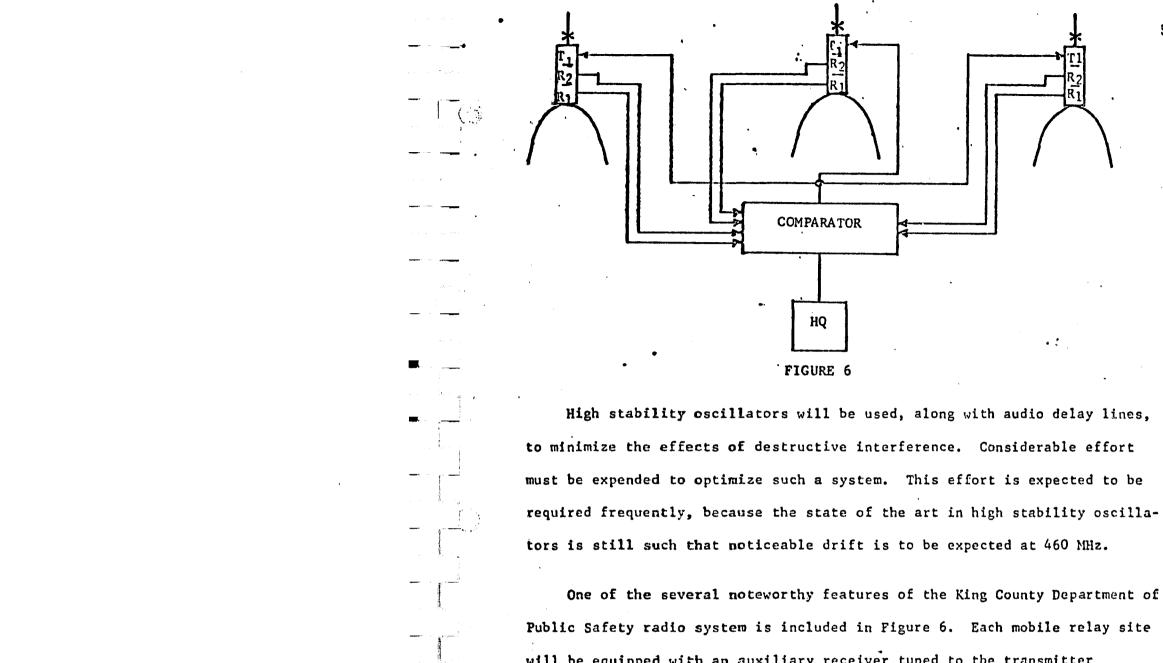
It was towards the end of the 1960's when the Office of the Sheriff was changed to the Department of Public Safety. The radio system, however, was still the same hi-band simplex operation installed in 1959. Increased radio traffic prompted several studies to determine what course of action King County should take to relieve the congestion. The results of two studies indicated that multiple channels with multiple base stations on each channel were required. The UHF radio system

The results of two studies indicated that multiple channels with multiple base stations on each channel were required. The UHF radio system to be installed in 1976 for the King County Department of Public Safety will utilize many of the suggestions cited in the above reports.

Since continuity of communications is mandatory during the transition from old system to new, the King County Department of Public Safety installed VHF mobile relays at several locations to provide four channels of interim communications. These temporary frequencies have been giving such outstanding service that a decision was made to retain them permanently.

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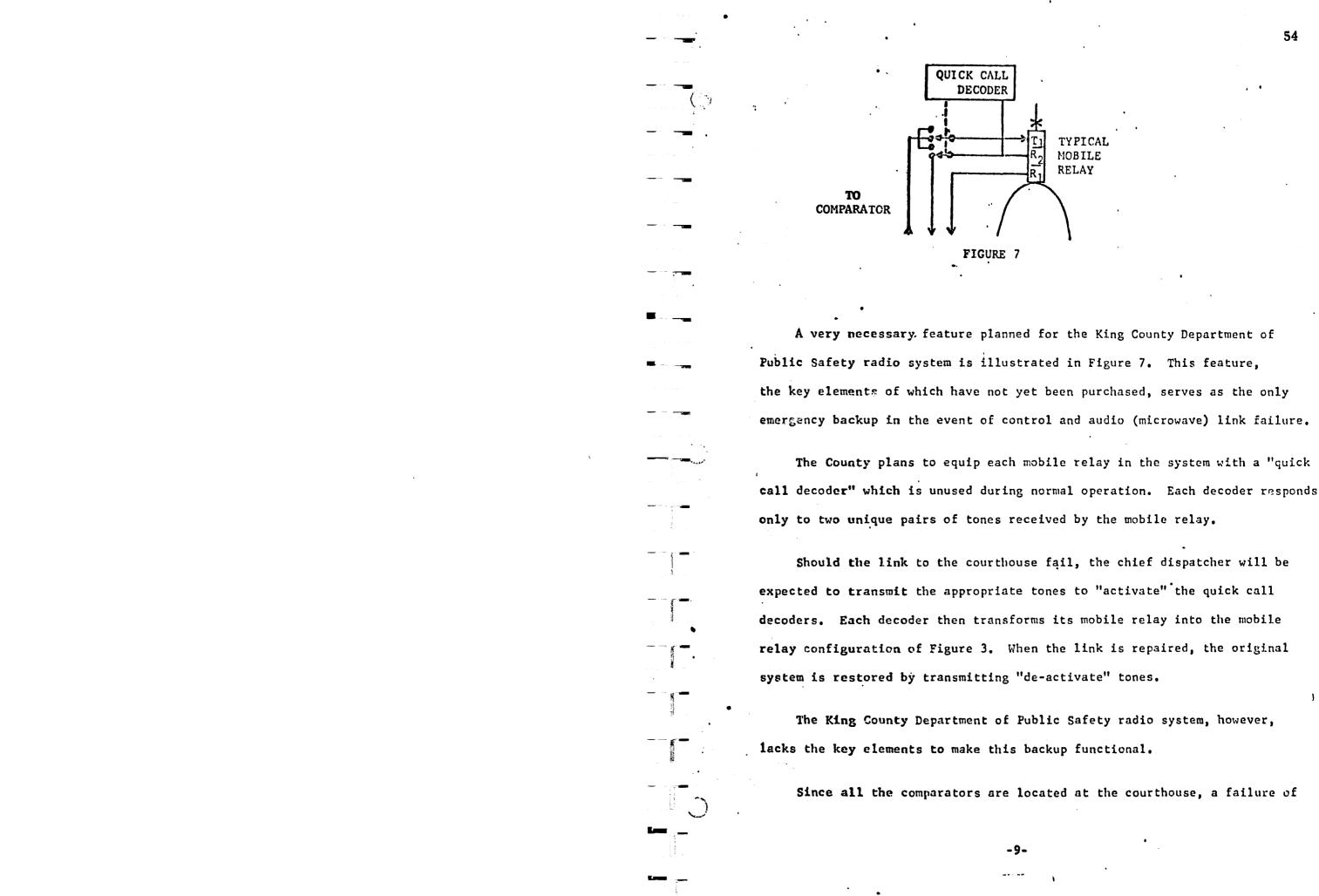


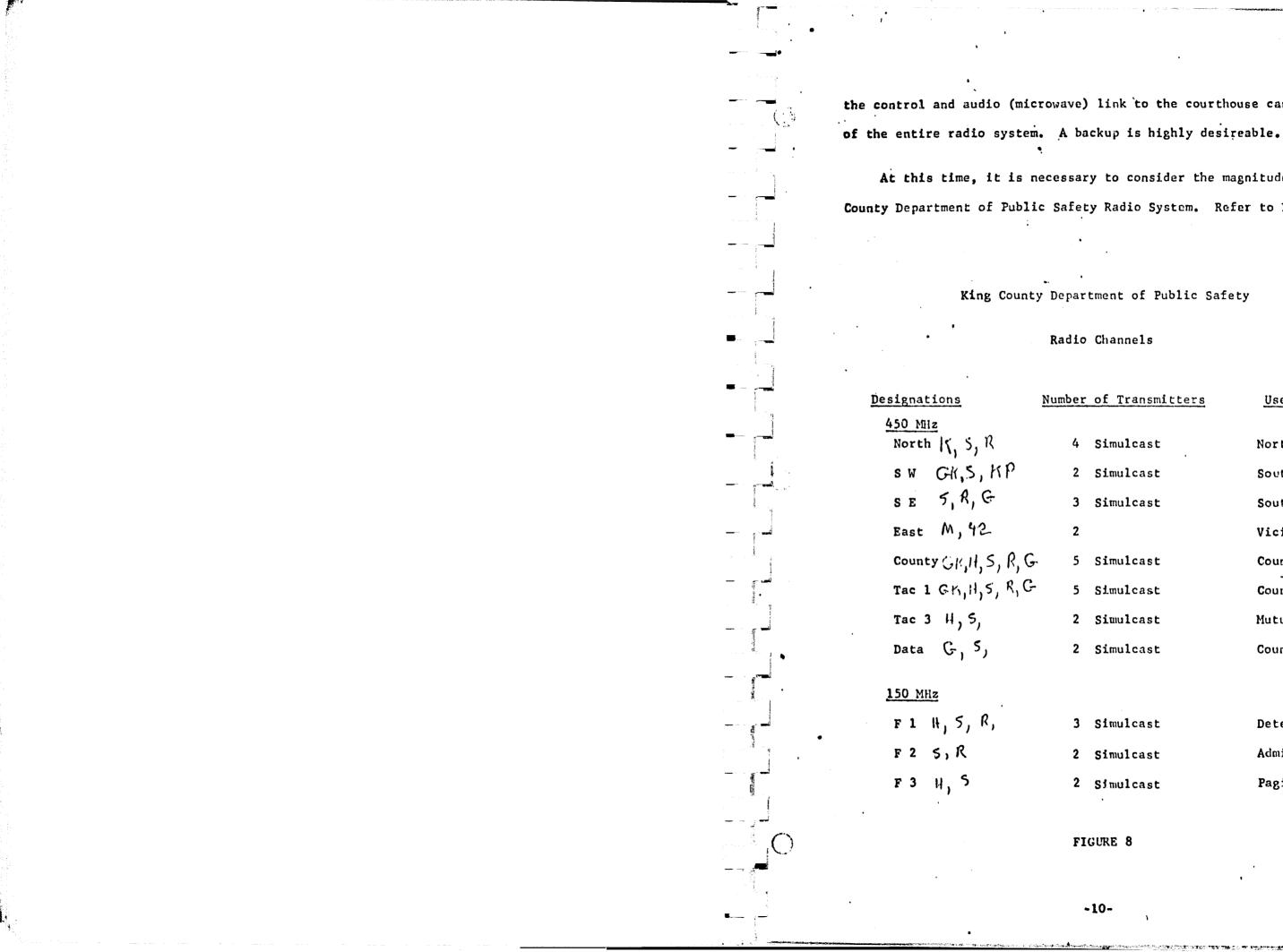


Public Safety radio system is included in Figure 6. Each mobile relay site will be equipped with an auxiliary receiver tuned to the transmitter frequency. Although this receiver will be overloaded during activation of the mobile relay, it will have some utility when the mobile relay is unused. The purpose of the auxiliary reciever is to allow the dispatcher to monitor mobile to mobile simplex transmissions.

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the control and audio (microwave) link to the courthouse can halt operation

At this time, it is necessary to consider the magnitude of the King County Department of Public Safety Radio System. Refer to Figure 8.

King County Department of Public Safety

Radio Channels

Number of Transmitters

Use

4	Simulcast	North precinct
2	Simulcast	Southwest precinct
3	Simulcast	Southeast precinct
2		Vicinity of Skykomish
5	Simulcast	County wide
5	Simulcast	County wide Tactical
2	Simulcast	Mutual Aid
2	Simulcast	County wide Data

3	Simulcast	Detective, Warrants, Civil
2	Simulcast	Admin., Special Operations
2	Simulcast	Paging

FIGURE 8

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There are eight channels on the UHF band and four on VHF hi-band. To support the UHF channels, there are 24 base stations. All but one are configured as mobile relays. To support the VHF hi-band channels, there are 6 base stations. Four of these are mobile relays. Of the UHF channels, the most prolific are County and Tac 1. Both

Of the UHF channels, the most prolific are County and Tac 1. Both of these channels employ 5 transmitters each.

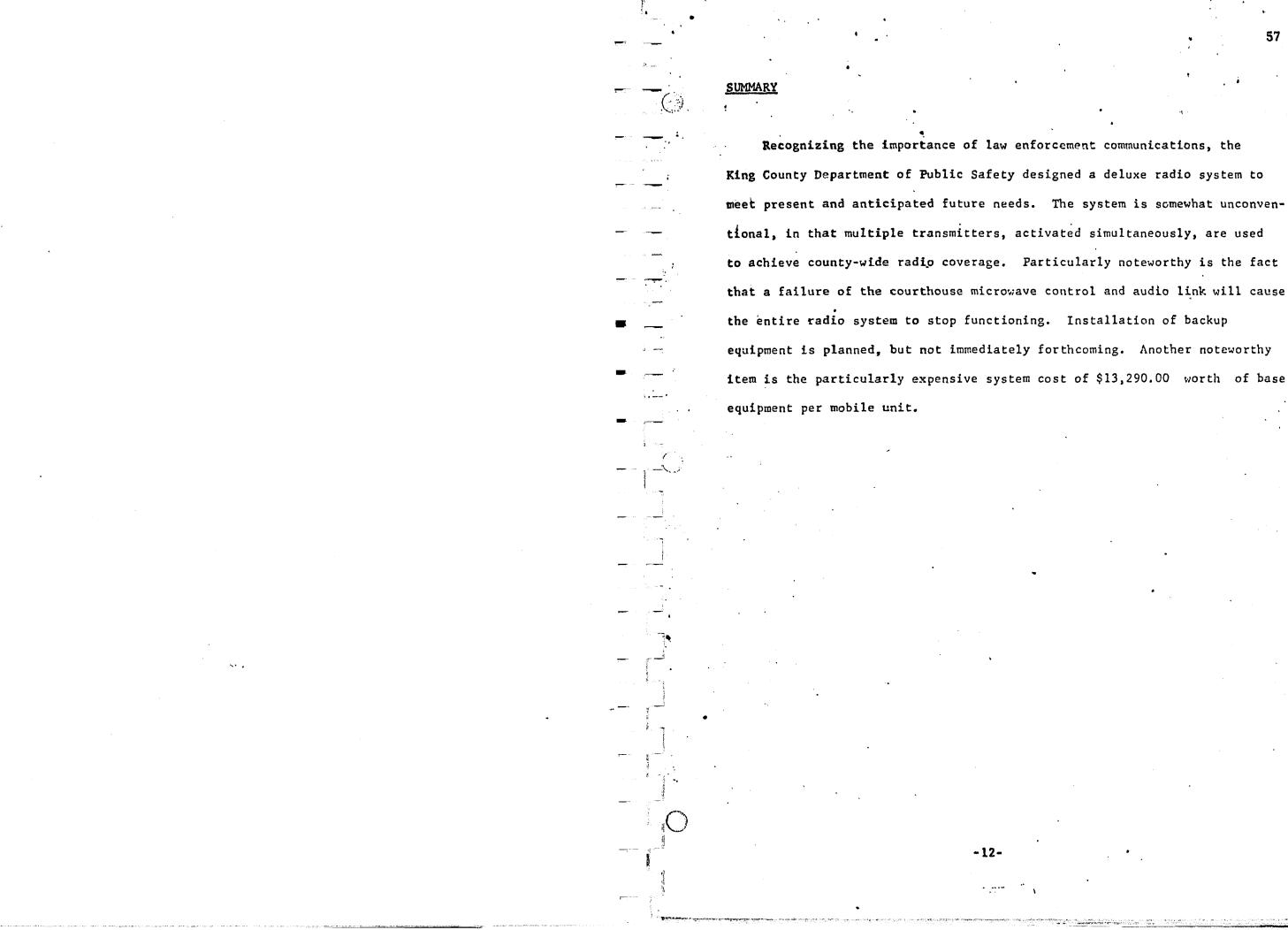
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The price of the new King County Department of Public Safety radio system should be considered next. Total equipment cost is approximately \$1,200,000.00. Included are 79 option equipped mobile radios at approximately \$1900.00 each.

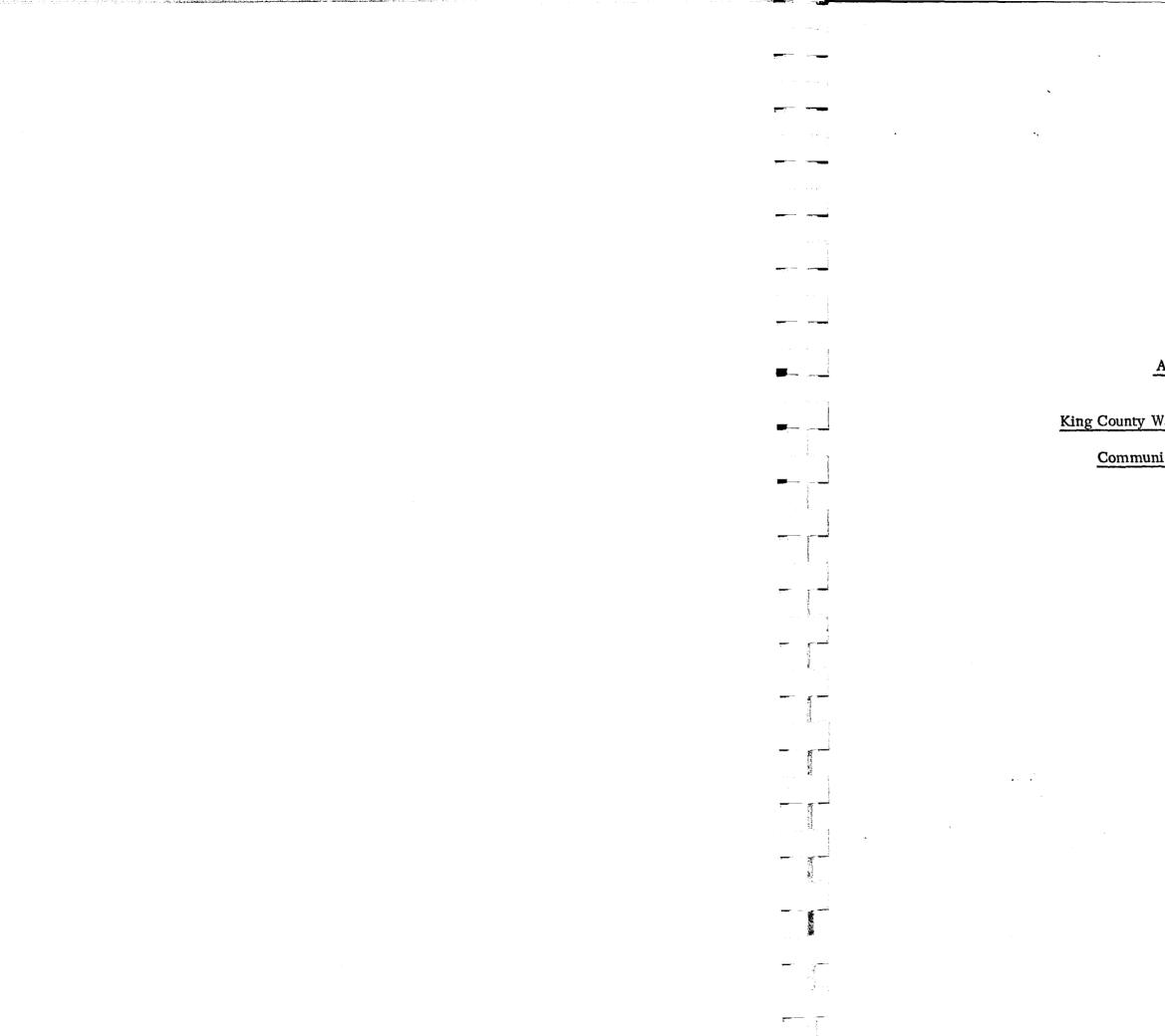
The cost of base equipment is therefore approximately \$1,050,000.00. This leads to the observation thes King County purchased approximately \$13,290.00 worth of base equipment per mobile unit. If the number of mobiles were increased to 250 (total capacity), the cost per mobile would drop to \$4200.00.

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Recall that it is planned to activate all transmitters of each



King County Department of Public Safety designed a deluxe radio system to meet present and anticipated future needs. The system is somewhat unconventional, in that multiple transmitters, activated simultaneously, are used to achieve county-wide radio coverage. Particularly noteworthy is the fact that a failure of the courthouse microwave control and audio link will cause equipment is planned, but not immediately forthcoming. Another noteworthy

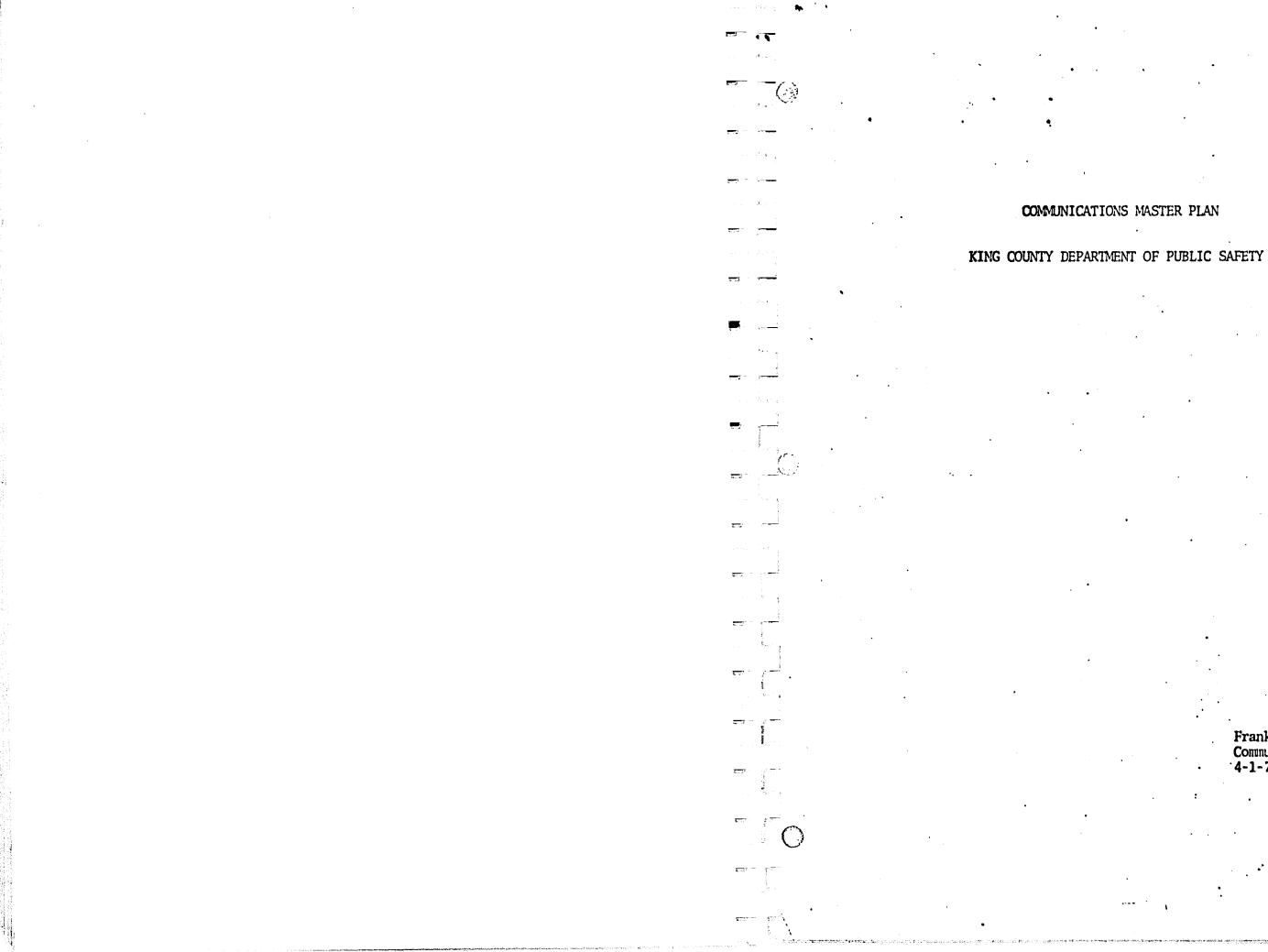


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APPENDIX C

King County Washington, Department of Public Safety

Communications Master Plan



COMMUNICATIONS MASTER PLAN

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Frank L. Porter, Jr. Communications Engineer '4-1-75

COMMUNICATIONS MASTER PLAN

KING COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The King County Department of Public Safety communications expansion project formally originated with the Pacific Western Engineering Report which was submitted on January 16, 1970. This report was funded by Law and Justice in order to determine the Department's communications requirements. As a result of this report, a communications engineer was hired in October, 1970 to design and implement a new system and to secure the necessary funds through Law and Justice grants. The following communications project is the result of that work. The several phases of this plan have been reviewed and approved by the Law and Justice Technical Radio Subcommittee, the Law and Justice Communications Consultant, and the I.B.M. Staff Communications Consultant. In addition, Law and Justice also contracted with Public Systems, Inc. (P.S.I.) to review this communications project. This report was published September 15, 1974 and the major recommendations of this report have been incorporated into the design of the communications system. As an example, these include:

- to the UHF radio band.
- channels.
- 3. radio coverage of King County.

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FOREWORD

1. Shift the Department's operational communications system

2. Further increase the mobile radio channel capacity from equipment having four channel capacity to those having six channel capacity with expansion capabilities to eight

Increase the number of remote base stations to improve

HISTORY The Depa

The Department of Public Safety. (originally the Sheriff's Office) initial radio system was comprised of a low band base station on Squak Mountain and mobile units which operated on 37.26 MHz. In **1959** the entire radio system was replaced with a high band system which operated on 155,190 MHz. While this change eliminated the interference inherent with low band systems, the radio coverage was actually decreased since high band radio systems have less range than low band systems. In addition, the radio system ca**pacity** was not increased since the network still only utilized one mobile radio channel; also direct car to car radio transmissions were limited to a very short distance. As a result, a mobile unit in one part of a precinct could not hear another transmitting to the office from a different part of the precinct. Thus mobile units frequently covered each other, causing much delay and confusion. It was this severe radio channel congestion and lack of coverage that led to the Pacific Western Engineering Report in 1970.

PROJECT GOALS

The goals of the communications project are to establish a new communications center on the first floor of the Courthouse, to establish a new microwave and base station network utilizing more remote repeater sites in order to improve radio coverage, changing the primary radio networks to UHF, improve car-to-car radio range, obtain additional UHF frequencies, incorporate portable radio units into the system, and establishing an effective county wide mutual aid communications system. While some of these goals are still in the planning stages, others have been implemented. Most important of all, however, was the criteria that the new communications system has sufficient growth capacity to handle the Department's communications requirements for at least the next 20 years. In addition, it must have the flexibility to accommodate the many types of new devices and subsystems which will become available for Law Enforcement in the future.

SYSTEM DESIGN FEATURES

General

The base station radio network was designed to provide countywide communications, improve car-to-car radio coverage, and to simplify the control center dispatcher's job. In order to achieve this, all the base station receivers on the same frequency (but at different locations) are voted at the communications center. This gives the dispatcher the advantage of monitoring only the receiver with the best signal. In addition, all the base station transmitters on each frequency (but at different locations) are keyed simultaneously. This allows all cars on that channel irregardless of their location to hear all broadcasts. Also

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this feature simplifies the dispatcher's job since he does not
 have to select transmitters with regard to location or areas
 of coverage. Another benefit of this feature is that it allows
 car-to-car radio transmissions on a county-wide basis.

The communications system was also designed around the philosophy that an officer should never have to wait for a radio channel to clear before he can make an emergency call. This is accomplished by having additional radio channels for emergency and secondary type useage. Each Bureau of Police Operations vehicle will be equipped with all of the operational UHF radio channels in order to accomplish this.

- Communications Center

The number of dispatch consoles in the new system was increased to three operational consoles (one for each precinct) and one master or supervisory console. Thus for the first time, each precinct has basically its own dispatcher. Also, the master console is manned by a patrolman who takes charge of dispatching any emergencies or special details.

The three operational and one master dispatch consoles all have the ability to broadcast simultaneously on any one or more operational channel. In addition, the master console has an override feature which permits that dispatcher's broadcast to have priority over the other dispatcher on that channel. All consoles are used with a headset which improves the transmitted voice quality as well as reducing the noise in the center.

Two thirty channel dual transport audio logging tape recorder units have been installed in the Communications Center. These units provide a recording of all Communications Center radio and telephone messages.

A radio equipment room has been constructed adjacent to the Communications Center. All of the microwave R.F. and multiplex equipment for the Communications Center is installed there. In addition, this room contains the receiver voting comparitor units and the remote transmitter audio phasing units for the Communications System. A complete base station test panel is also installed to facilitate equipment adjustment and repair.

Microwave R.F. Equipment

Microwave is used in this system to provide a reliable means of controlling the base stations at the remote sites. 6 GHz. microwave equipment was chosen for its future system expansion capability and to be compatible with the Washington State Patrol microwave system which utilizes 6 GHz equipment at their Squak Mountain and Gold Mountain sites. Since it is planned to the the two systems together at these locations, the interconnect is simpler when the equipment uses the same bandwidth. Intertics are planned with the following Puget Sound area systems:

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access to the SeaKing computer system.

This Department also plans to install remote computer terminals at its precinct offices and will use the microwave system to interconnect them with the SeaKing computer at the Courthouse.

Microwave Multiplex Equipment

The microwave multiplex used in the microwave system was chosen in order to meet the following requirements:

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1. Washington State Patrol - an inter-tie with the Washington State Patrol could provide this Department and the Seattle **Police** Department with a direct microwave channel to the State of Washington Access Computer in Olympia. In addition, it could also provide the means for both departments to have a direct intercom with the Washington State Patrol Bellevue

Communications Center. Also, the King County Sea-King Computer System could be tied directly to the State of Washington Access Computer using a microwave multiplex high speed line. In addition, the State could use the King County portion of the system to gain microwave access to downtown Seattle in order to serve the State offices located there.

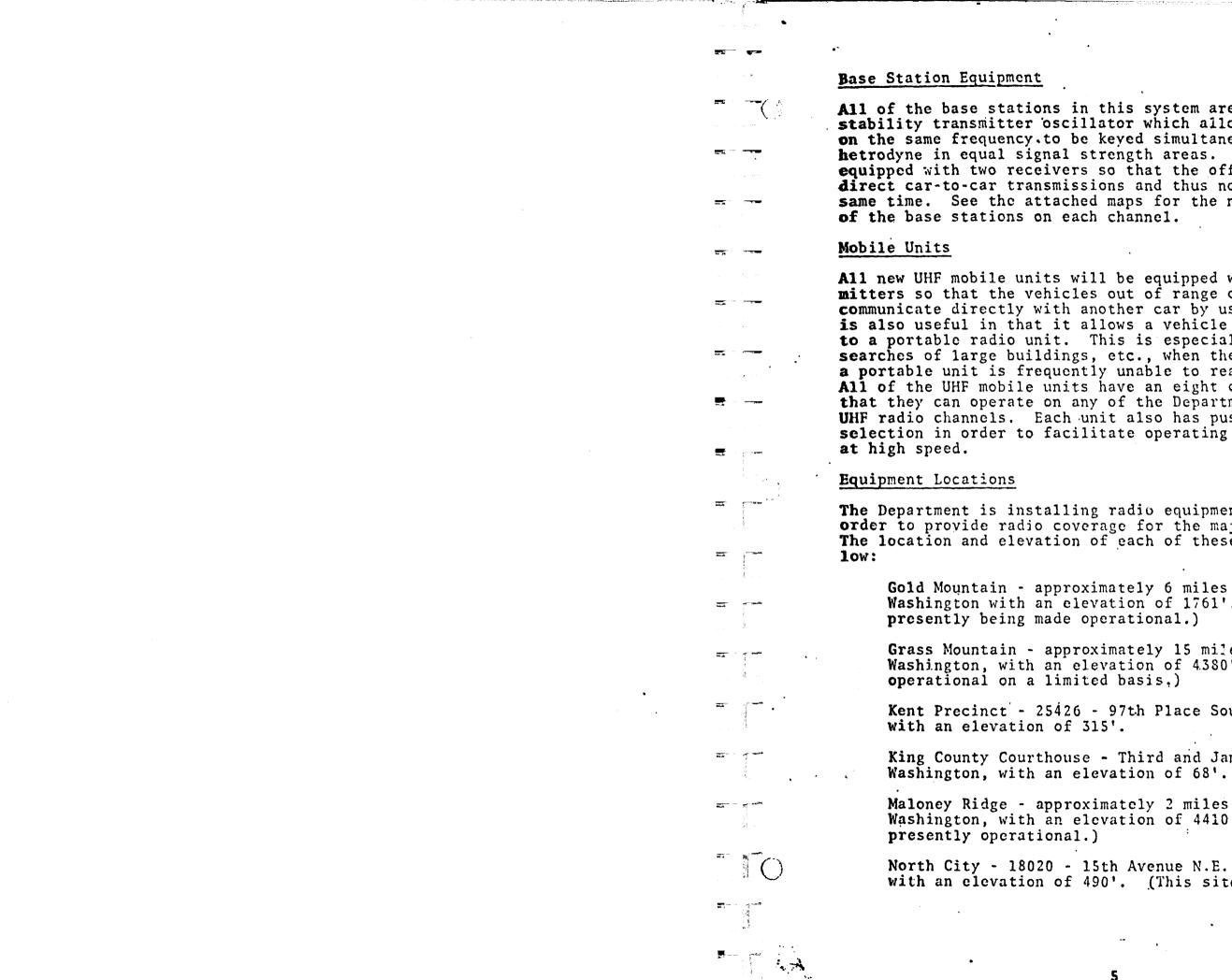
2. City of Bellevue - The City of Bellevue is presently planning' a 2 GHz. microwave system linking Bellevue with their base station site at Newport Hills which would also be linked with the Nerway Hill (one mile south of Bothell) base station site. Bellevue also plans to interconnect their 2 GHz. microwave system with the King County system in order to provide an interconnect between the two agencies' communications centers. Also, this would allow Bellevue to have a direct microwave channel to the State of Washington Access Computer in Olympia.

3. Kitsap County - Kitsap County is in the process of installing a 2 GHz. microwave system which features a terminal on Gold Mountain. An inter-tic with the King County system on Gold Mountain would provide an economical means of furnishing the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office and the City of Bremerton with

1. The multiplex must be both frequency and phase synchronized since the audio sent to each of the base station transmitters must be both frequency and phase synchronized. This requirement is necessary in simultaneous base station transmitter

2. The multiplex must be CCITT frequency compatible in order to provide a maximum number of multiplex channels.

Each multiplex modem must be equipped for four wire operation and a jack field for testing. In addition, it must also be equipped with the V-10 base station control option so that it can be used to directly control a base station without an interface relay or further field modifications.



All of the base stations in this system are equipped with a high stability transmitter 'oscillator which allows several transmitters on the same frequency.to be keyed simultaneously without a **hetrodyne** in equal signal strength areas. Each station is also equipped with two receivers so that the office can monitor the direct car-to-car transmissions and thus not broadcasting at the same time. See the attached maps for the number and location

All new UHF mobile units will be equipped with widespread transmitters so that the vehicles out of range of a repeater can still communicate directly with another car by using this feature. It is also useful in that it allows a vehicle to communicate directly to a portable radio unit. This is especially important during searches of large buildings, etc., when the officer inside with a portable unit is frequently unable to reach a repeater station. All of the UHF mobile units have an eight channel capacity so that they can operate on any of the Department's 460/465 MHz. **UHF** radio channels. Each unit also has push-button frequency selection in order to facilitate operating the radio while driving

The Department is installing radio equipment at many sites in order to provide radio coverage for the majority of King County. The location and elevation of each of these sites is listed be-

Gold Mountain - approximately 6 miles west of Bremerton, Washington with an elevation of 1761'. (This site is

Grass Mountain - approximately 15 miles east of Enumclaw, Washington, with an elevation of 4380'. (This site is

Kent Precinct - 25426 - 97th Place South, Kent, Washington,

King County Courthouse - Third and James Streets, Seattle,

Maloney Ridge - approximately 2 miles southeast of Skykomish, Washington, with an elevation of 4410'. (This site is

North City - 18020 - 15th Avenue N.E., Seattle, Washington, with an elevation of 490'. (This site is presently operational.)

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Channel Definition (Continued) Southwest - This radio system was designed to provide radio channel for the Southwest Precinct patrol units when they are 1 changed over to UHF. East - This is a radio channel which will be shared with Mason County, Washington in the future. As a result, its use is restricted to the Skykomish-Stevens Pass area of King County. in that area. Data - This radio system was designed to provide radio coverage į. 10ad. TAC-1. This radio system was designed to provide radio coverage أسبعت أتعاسم in the Communications Center by a commissioned officer. This ating channel was busy with other radio traffic. ment's UHF equipped vehicles traveling in Central Washington and Yakima County Sheriffs' offices. This feature would be Washington. Police Department for coordination and mutual aid or a future State-wide mutual aid channel.

coverage of the Southwest Precinct area. It will be the primary

Thus it was designed to provide radio coverage of only that area and is presently used by all of the Department's units operating

of the western third of King County. This channel will be used by all of the Department's units in this area to make detailed data checks directly with the Communications Center data room. Thus it will provide the majority of the field units with a better data service and free the operational dispatchers of this work-

of the majority of King County. This channel will be used mainly for tactical situations. As an example, in the case of a bank alarm, all the units responding to this detail would switch to this channel which would be dispatched from the master console will not only give the responding units a clear channel, but will allow that precinct's regular operational channel to be kept open for dispatching routine details. This channel would also be used by any unit making an emergency call if that unit's normal oper-

Also note that the same channel is used in the Central Washington Law Enforcement Administrative Radio system (C.W. LEARN). Using this channel and the proper transmitter tone, any of this Departwould have communications with the Benton County, Chelan County, Douglas County, Grant County, Kittitas County, Okanogan County important to have when making prisoner transport trips to eastern

TAC-2 - This radio channel designation was set aside for a future addition. While no frequency has been licensed or equipment purchased for it, all of the Department's new mobile units have the provisions for this channel's crystal(s). It is anticipated that it would be used for either a channel shared with the Seattle

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Channel Definitions (Continued)
 TAC-3 - This mutual aid radio system was designed to provide radio coverage of the Lake Washington-Seattle area of King Count This channel will be made available to those police agencies in the King County area that operate in the low 450 MHz. radio ban which can use it as an alternate to their own channel. Thus it can provide the Renton, Bellevue, Mercer Island, Clyde Hill, Kirkland, Redmond, and Bothell police departments with a common radio channel for intercommunications between mobile units as . well as communications with this Department. In addition, since most of these agencies contract with King County for jail servit this channel will provide them with needed radio service in the downtown Seattle area when transporting prisoners to the Courthouse.
The King County Department of Public Safety also operates its original two VHF radio channels. These are as follows:
Channel Designation Transmit Receive #1 Receive #2
.F-1 155.190 MHz. 154.650 MHz. 155.190 MHz. *F-2 154.965 153.995 154.965
* Note that F-2 is a Local Government Radio Service Channel.
These two VKF radio channels are used in the following manner:
F-1 - This radio system was designed to provide radio coverage of the majority of King County. It is presently used by this Department's detectives, warrants, civil, and administrative units as well as by the police patrol marine detachment. When the detective radios are changed to UHF, the remaining units will continue to use the channel.
This radio channel will also be used as a common/mutual aid channel for those police agencies in King County which operate in the 155 MHz. band. Thus it can provide the Des Moines, Aubu *Kent, *Enumclaw, *Tukwila, Issaquah, and Lake Forest Park police departments with a common channel for intercommunication between mobile units as well as communications with this Depart ment. (*Note: These department's common 159.090 MHz. operation radio channel would have to be changed to one in the 155 MHz. range.)
F-2 - This radio system was originally designed to provide radio coverage of the western one half of King County. It is present used as this Department's Southwest Precinct operational channel When this precinct is changed over to UHF, it will be used join as an administrative/special operations radio channel. It is expected that this channel will be equipped with an automatic telephone interconnect in the future so that field supervisors can originate telephone calls from their vehicle. Also this channel will be used for the Department's new paging/voice message radio system.

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Several outline maps of King County showing the various base station and microwave terminal locations have been attached to this report.

PROGRESS

This project has been divided into phases, each phase generally corresponding with a Law and Justice grant or grants. These are as follows together with the related progress:

Interim Phase - Due to the necessary length of time required to implement the first phase of the project, it was necessary to install a second 150 MHz radio channel (F-2) to reduce the chennel loading on the then single 150 MHz radio channel (F-1). This was done in 1972 utilizing existing Department and borrowed radio equipment and parts. This channel was assigned to the Southwest Precinct.

In the summer of 1973 an existing UHF base station network was borrowed and implemented to provide an interim radio channel for the North Precinct. Two channel UHF mobile units were also borrowed from other county agencies and installed in the North **Precinct's** patrol vehicles to make the system operational.

These changes left the original 155 MHz. (F-1) radio frequency for the use of the Southeast Precinct and the remainder of the Department.

Phase I - Law and Justice Grants 402 and 724

Since the equipment provided by these two grants were purchased .at the same time, they are covered by the same phase. The major accomplishments of this phase are as follows:

1. New Communications Center

A new communications center was constructed on the first floor of the Courthouse in the old Assessor's vault area during the remodeling of the Courthouse. Law and Justice funds from this phase of the project provided three operational dispatch consoles, one supervisory master console, and an audio logging tape recorder system.

2. Base Station Network

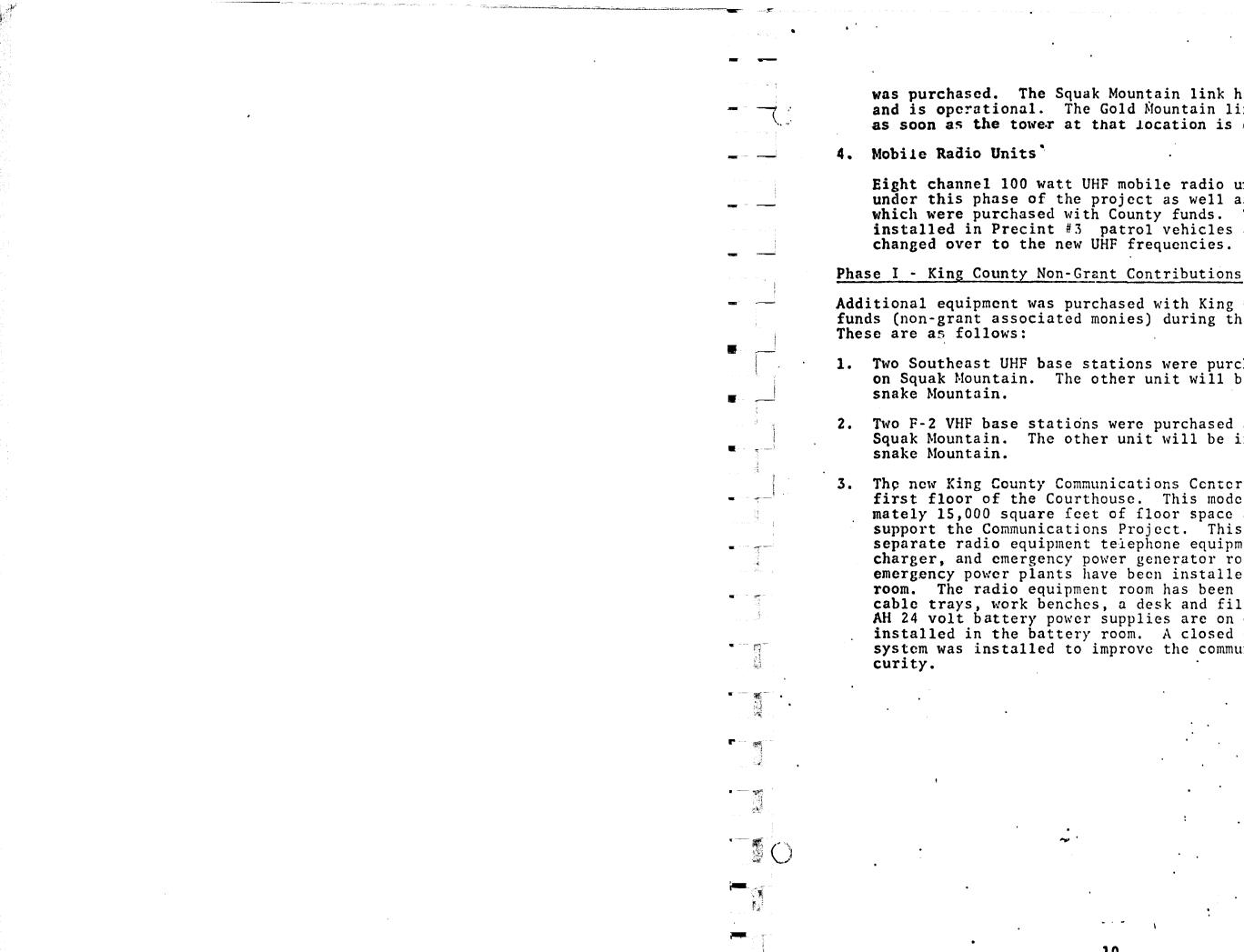
Base stations from the North, County-Wide and Data UHF radio systems were purchased and these systems implemented. In addition, VHF base stations for the F-1 150 MHz radio system were purchased and installed on Squak Mountain and at Harborview Hospital.

3. Microwave System

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Six GHz. microwave equipment for the Courthouse to Squak Mountain link and the Courthouse to Gold Mountain link

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was purchased. The Squak Mountain link has been installed and is operational. The Gold Mountain link will be installed as soon as the tower at that location is completed.

Eight channel 100 watt UHF mobile radio units were purchased under this phase of the project as well as additional units which were purchased with County funds. These units were installed in Precint #3 patrol vehicles and that precinct

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Additional equipment was purchased with King County capital outlay funds (non-grant associated monies) during this phase and installed.

1. Two Southeast UHF base stations were purchased and one installed on Squak Mountain. The other unit will be installed on Rattle-

2. Two F-2 VHF base stations were purchased and one installed on Squak Mountain. The other unit will be installed on Rattle-

3. The new King County Communications Center was completed on the first floor of the Courthouse. This modern center has approxi-mately 15,000 square feet of floor space and was built to support the Communications Project. This center provides separate radio equipment telephone equipment, battery, battery charger, and emergency power generator rooms. Two 350 Kw diesel emergency power plants have been installed in the generator room. The radio equipment room has been equipped with overhead cable trays, work benches, a desk and file cabinet. Two 1000 AH 24 volt battery power supplies are on order and will soon be installed in the battery room. A closed circuit television system was installed to improve the communications center se-

Physe II - Law and Justice Grants 1297 and 1406

This phase of the project will convert the Southwest Precinct radio system to UIIF, provide the North Precinct with 8 channel UIIF mobile units, and expand the systems' radio coverage by adding repeater sites on Gold Mountain, Rattlesnake Mountain, Grass Mountain, and in the Skykomish area.

With the exception of the microwave multiplex and the mobile radio maining all of the equipment provided in this phase has been purchaste. The mobile units are in the process of being purchased and will be installed in the fourth quarter of 1975. The bid .spec Mications for the microwave multiplex are being prepared and it is anticipated that this equipment will be purchased and instal-• 7 ate seled in the third quarter of 1975.

The status of the Phase II repeater sites are as follows:

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- a temporary antenna support.
- at this site (in the in-band repeater mode).
- this plan.

Phase II - King County Non-Grant Contributions

Several systems purchased with King County Capital Outlay funds (non-grant associated monies) have been implemented during this phase. These are as follows:

Gold Mountain - A State of Washington Division of Natural Resources radio site building has been leased for this site. While the majority of the radio equipment for this site is on hand, it cannot be made fully operational until the Division of Natural Resources provided tower is installed.

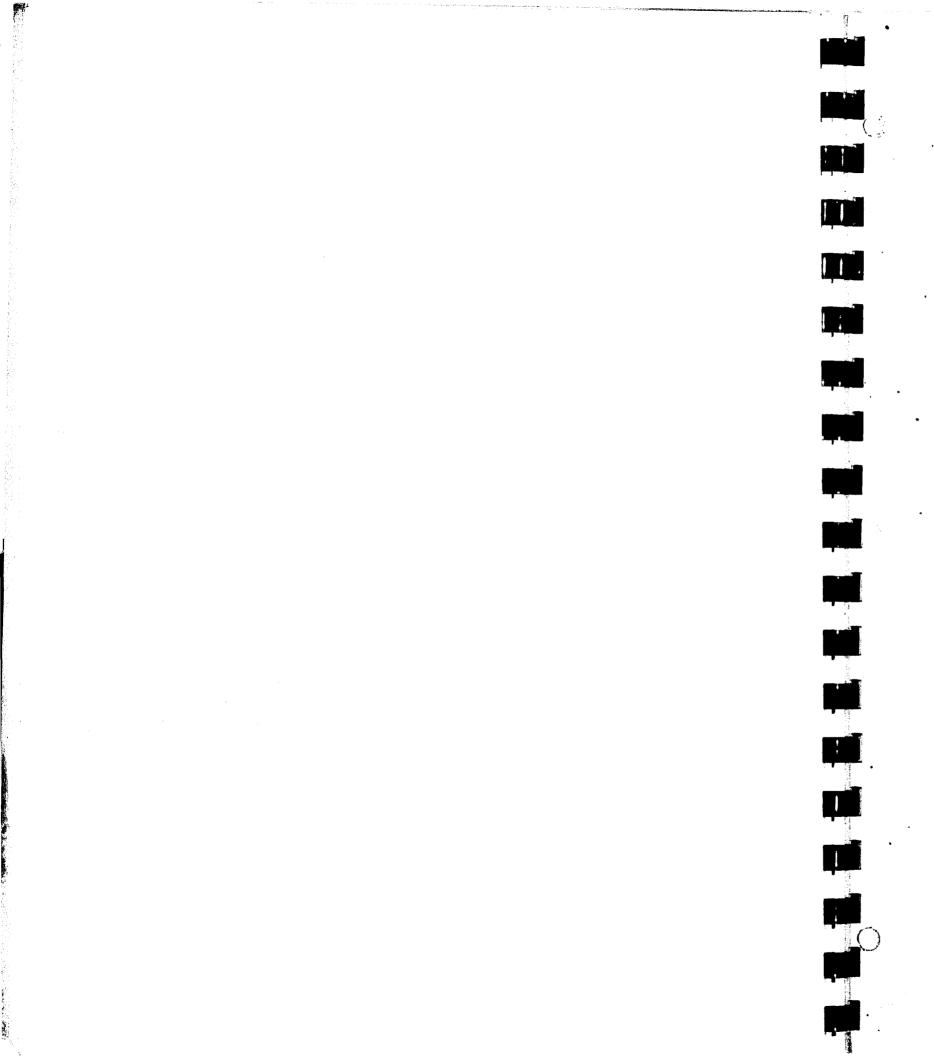
2. Rattlesnake Mountain - A State of Washington Division of Natural Resources radio site building has been leased for this site. It is anticipated that this site will become operational on a very limited basis when its radio equipment is received. However the radio tower which is needed to complete this site was struck from this Department's 1975 Capital Outlay Budget. Thus, this site can be only partially implemented using a wooden pole as

3. Grass Mountain - A State of Washington Division of Natural Resources radio site building has been leased for this site. This site is physically complete and will be fully operational when it's radio equipment is installed. At the present time, a TAC-1 UHF base/repeater station is installed and operating

4. Skykomish Area - Since this radio system is being funded with King County 1974 Capital Outlay non-grant affiliated funds, this item of the project is covered in the next section of

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1. A sattelite receiver for the "North" UHF radio channel has been purchased with county funds and installed on Norway Hill just south of Bothell. This receiver makes it possible for portable



radio units operating on the North channel to be received when they are operating in the Bothell-Kenmore areas of the North Precinct.

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- to the North Precinct.
- the Southeast Precinct.
- this report).

PROJECT EXPENDITURES

The following amounts of funds have been spent on equipment and equipment installation for this project. (These include those Grant 1297 funds held for equipment and installation contracts. which are presently going out to bid).

L.J.P.O. Grant No. 402 L.J.P.O. Grant No. 724 L.J.P.O. Grant No. 1297 State share of match:

2. A F-2 VHF sattclite receiver unit was purchased with county funds during this period This station will be installed on Gold Mountain (A F-2 base station cannot be installed at this location since the City of Bremerton operates on a channel 15KHz away, and a F-2 transmitter would cause harmful interference). These receivers will be used to receive units operating on the F-2 channel on the west side of Vashon Island and the east side of Puget Sound (Redondo Beach, Three Tree

3. Twenty-two UHF portable radio units were purchased and assigned

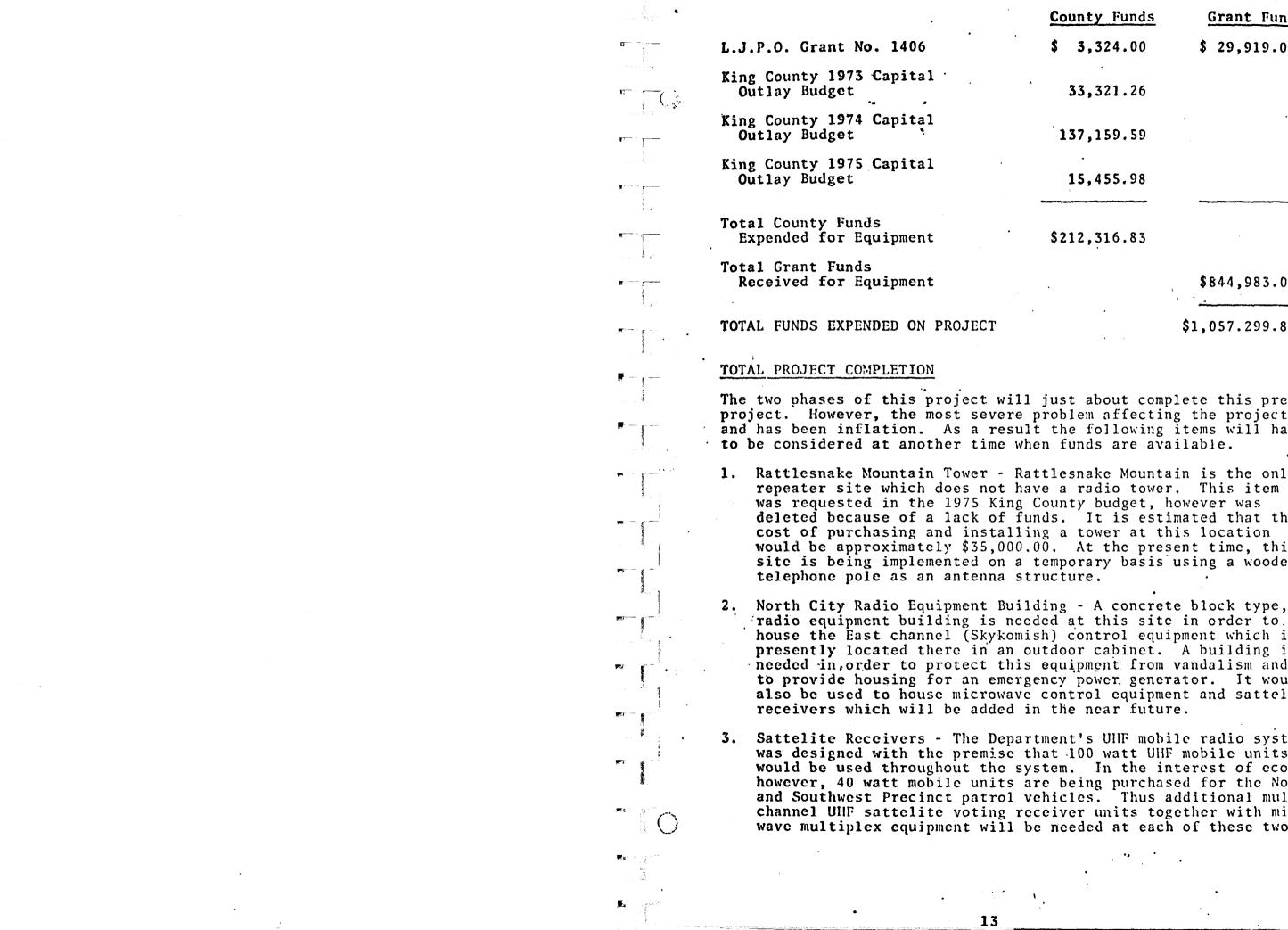
4. Twelve UHF portable radio units were purchased and assigned to

5. In order to provide radio reception in the Skykomish area, a county purchased UHF repeater operating on the new East UHF channel has been installed at the U.S. Forest Service radio site on Maloncy Ridge. This system utilizes a county purchased control station located in the North City area of King County which is operated from the communications center using leased telephone lines. This new East channel UllF repeater provides radio coverage of the northeastern corner of King County. Radio tests indicate that this includes U.S. Highway Number 2 from Gold Bar, Washington to 3 miles east of Stevens Pass.

6. Two TAC-3 453/458 MHz base stations were purchased with county funds during this period. These stations will be installed at Squak Mountain and Harborview Hospital (a further description of this system is outlined in the CHANNEL DEFINITION section of

7. Ten microwave multiplex channels were purchased with county funds during this period. These multiplex channels will be used to control the county purchased F-2 VHF base stations, the F-2 sattelite receivers, and the TAC-3 UHF base stations.

County Funds	Grant Funds
	\$ 295.000.00
	103,120.00
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County Funds	Grant Funds
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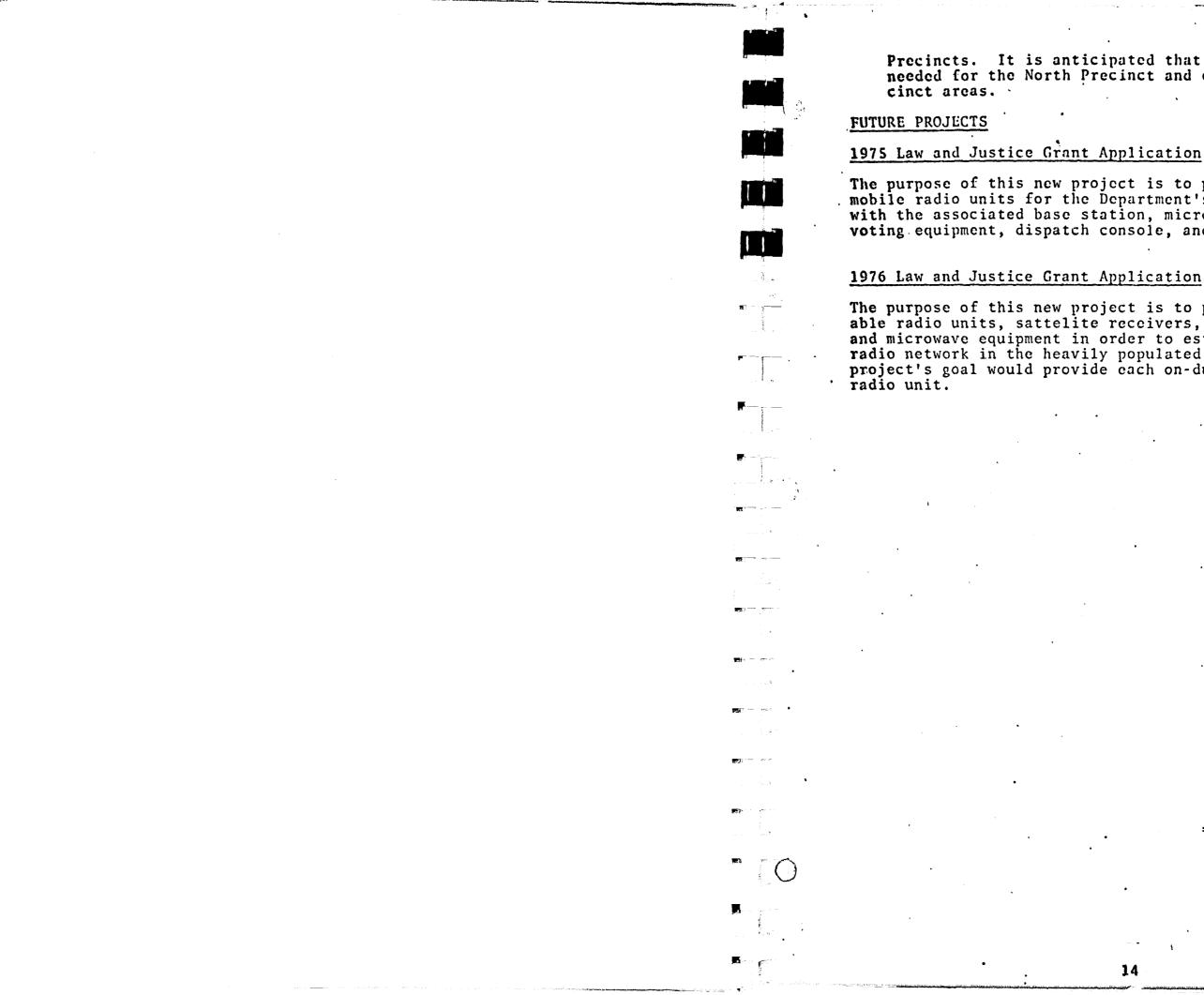
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The two phases of this project will just about complete this present project. However, the most severe problem affecting the project is and has been inflation. As a result the following items will have

1. Rattlesnake Mountain Tower - Rattlesnake Mountain is the only repeater site which does not have a radio tower. This item was requested in the 1975 King County budget, however was deleted because of a lack of funds. It is estimated that the cost of purchasing and installing a tower at this location would be approximately \$35,000.00. At the present time, this site is being implemented on a temporary basis using a wooden

radio equipment building is needed at this site in order to. house the East channel (Skykomish) control equipment which is presently located there in an outdoor cabinet. A building is needed in order to protect this equipment from vandalism and to provide housing for an emergency power generator. It would also be used to house microwave control equipment and sattelite

3. Sattelite Receivers - The Department's UllF mobile radio system was designed with the premise that 100 watt UHF mobile units would be used throughout the system. In the interest of economy, however, 40 watt mobile units are being purchased for the North and Southwest Precinct patrol vehicles. Thus additional multichannel UHF sattelite voting receiver units together with microwave multiplex equipment will be needed at each of these two

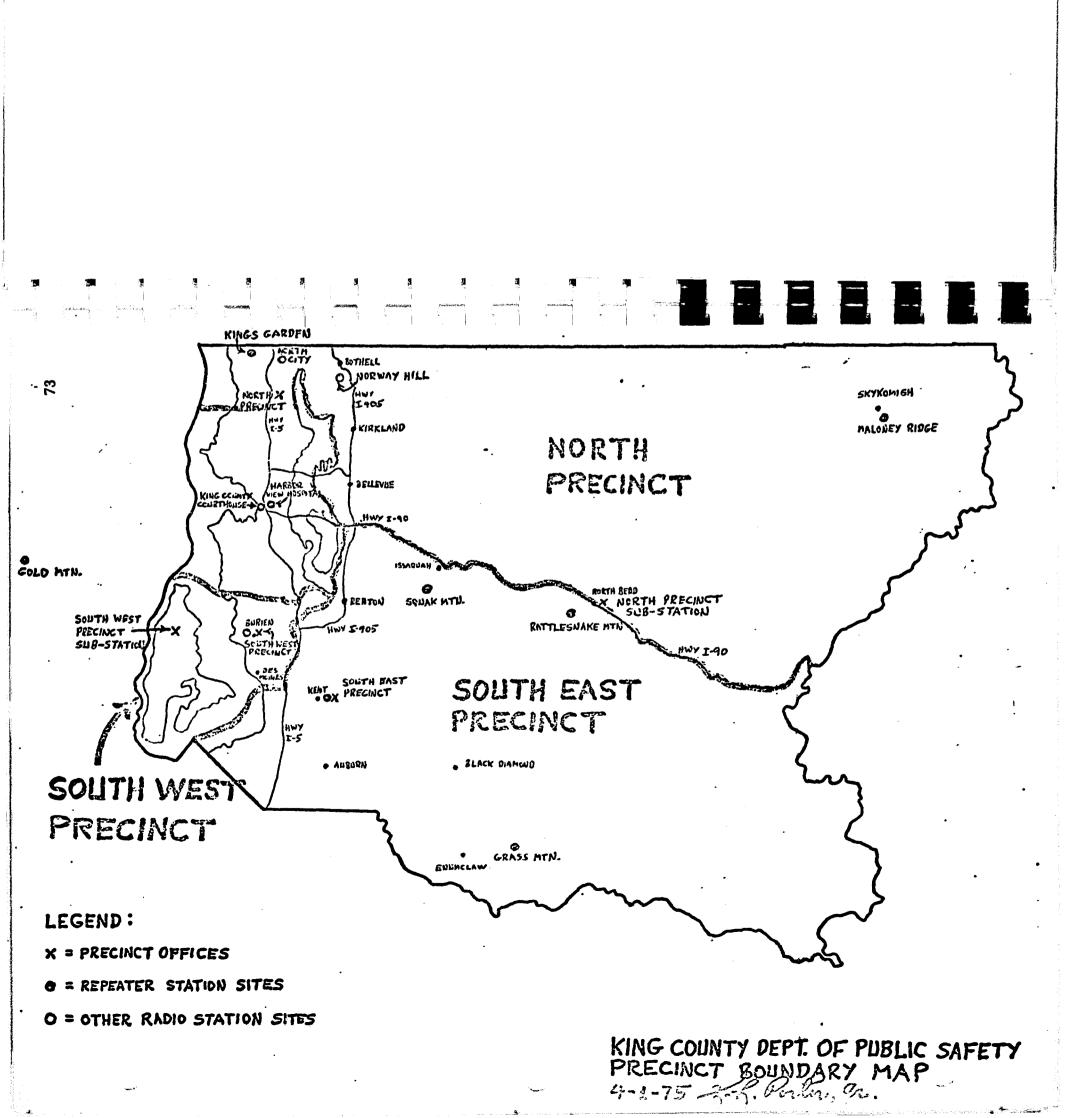


Precincts. It is anticipated that two of these units will be needed for the North Precinct and one for the Southwest Pre-

The purpose of this new project is to provide eight channel UHF mobile radio units for the Department's detective vehicles together with the associated base station, microwave multiplex, receiver voting equipment, dispatch console, and sattelite receiver units.

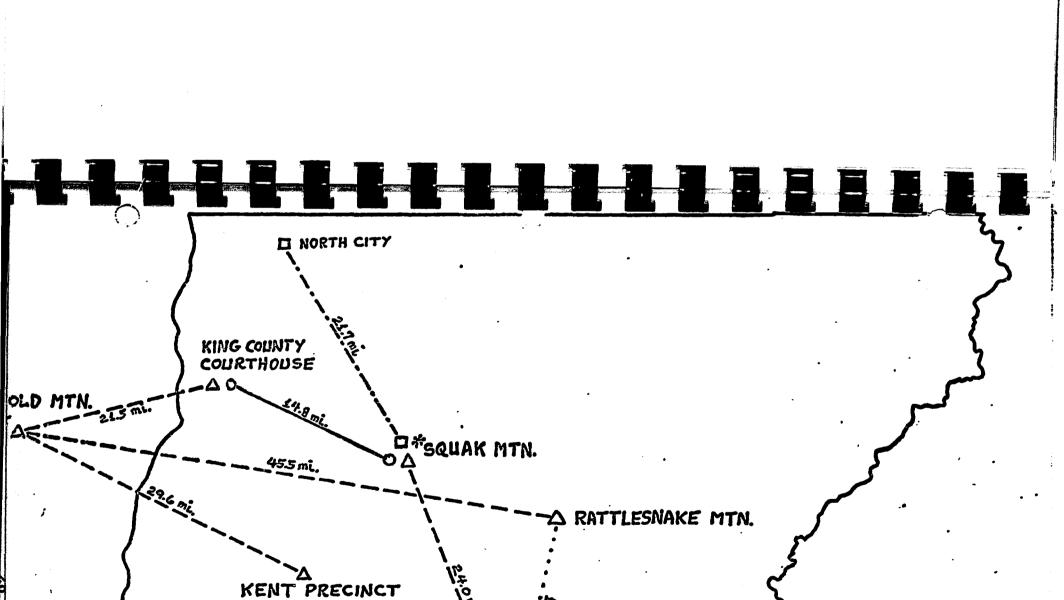
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The purpose of this new project is to provide the additional portable radio units, sattelite receivers, receiver voting equipment, and microwave equipment in order to establish an effective portable radio network in the heavily populated areas of King County. This project's goal would provide each on-duty patrolman with a portable



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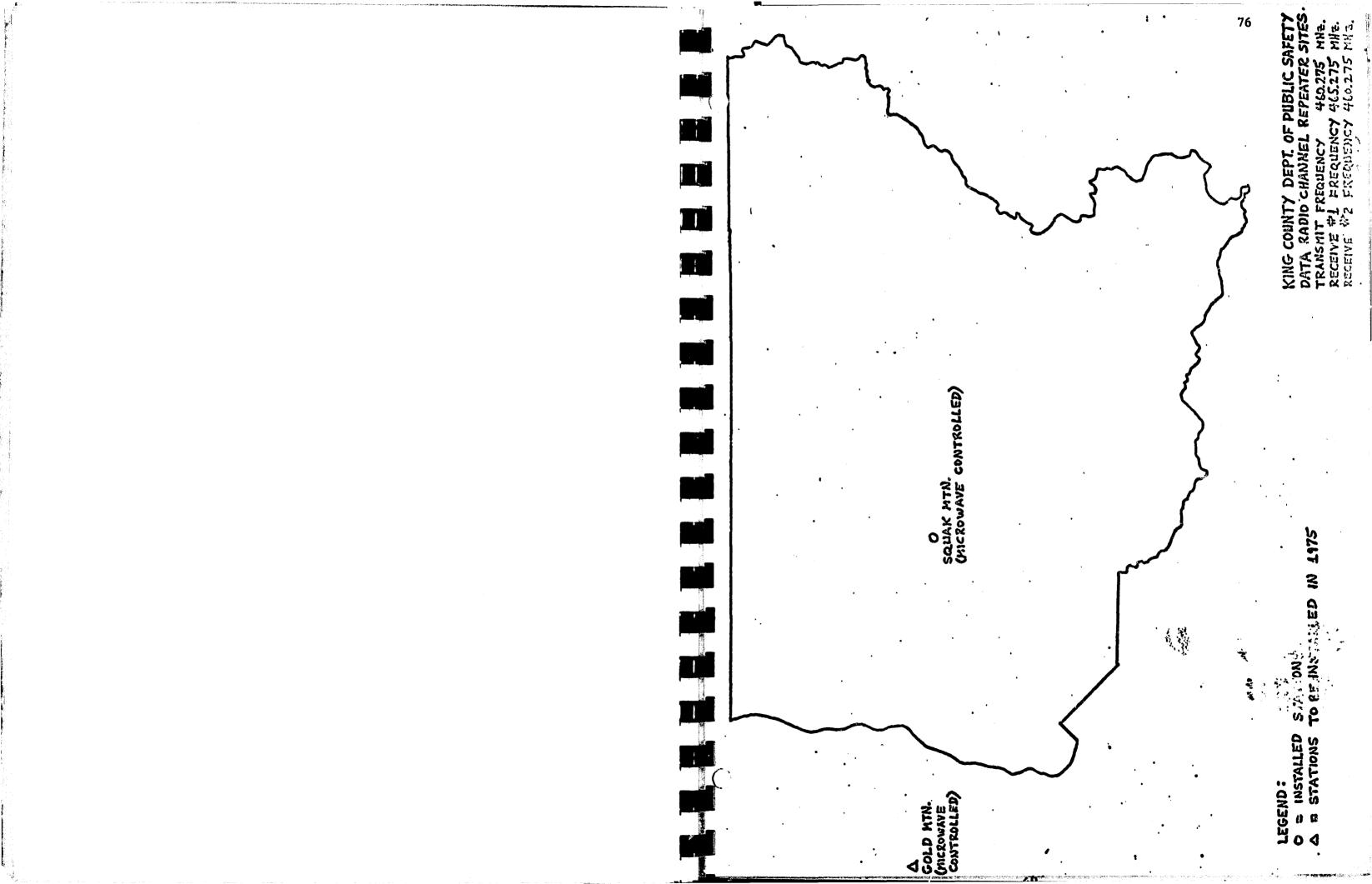
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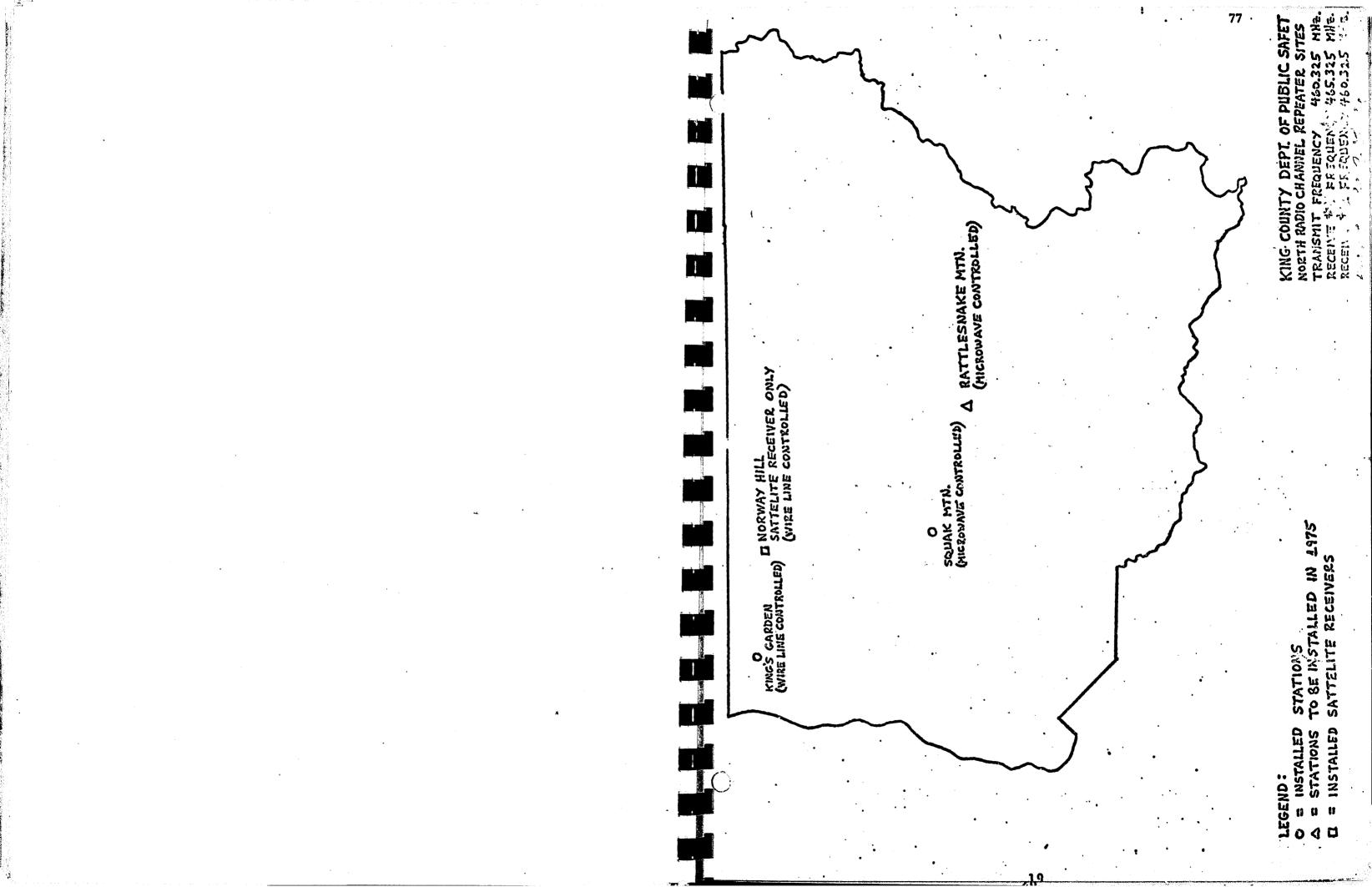
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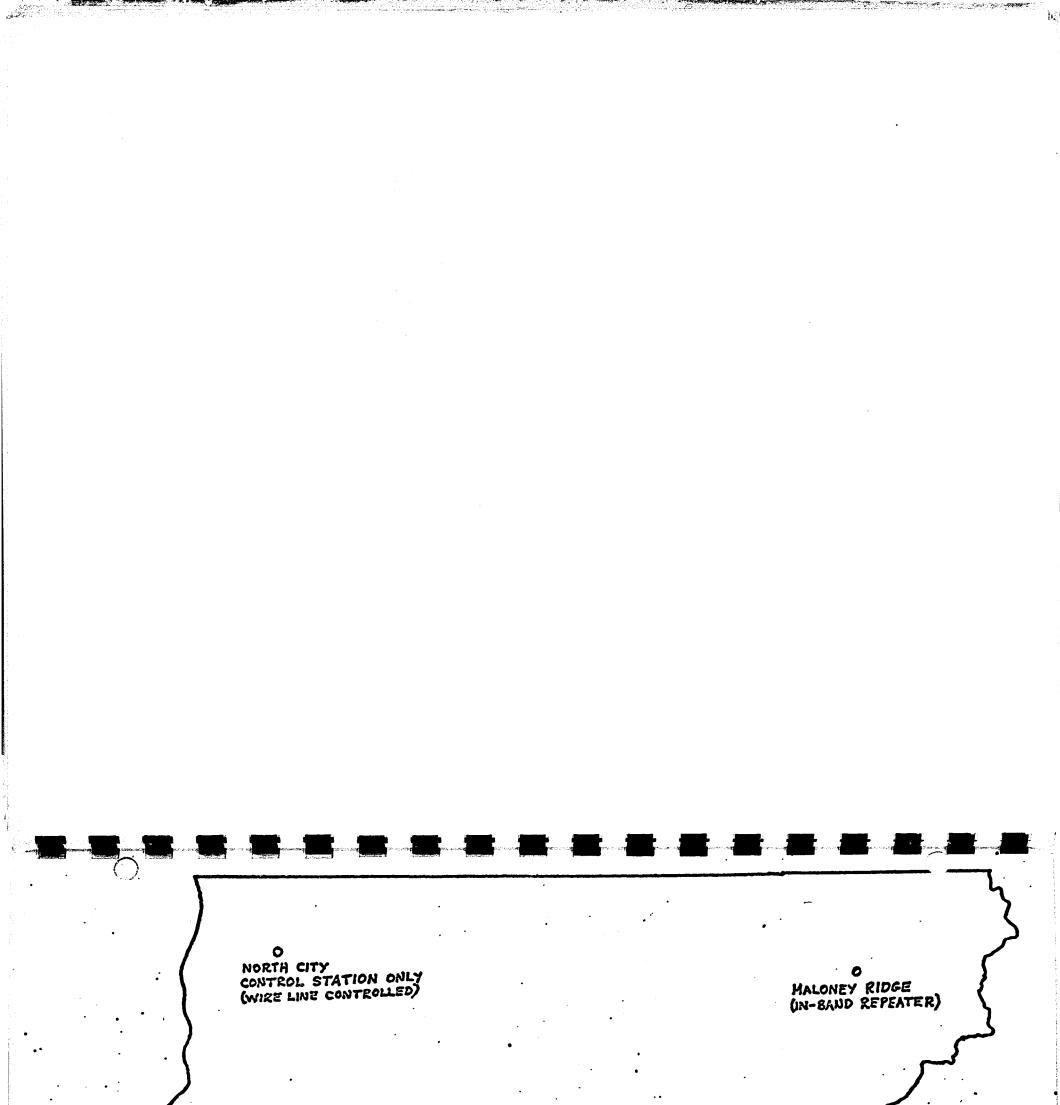
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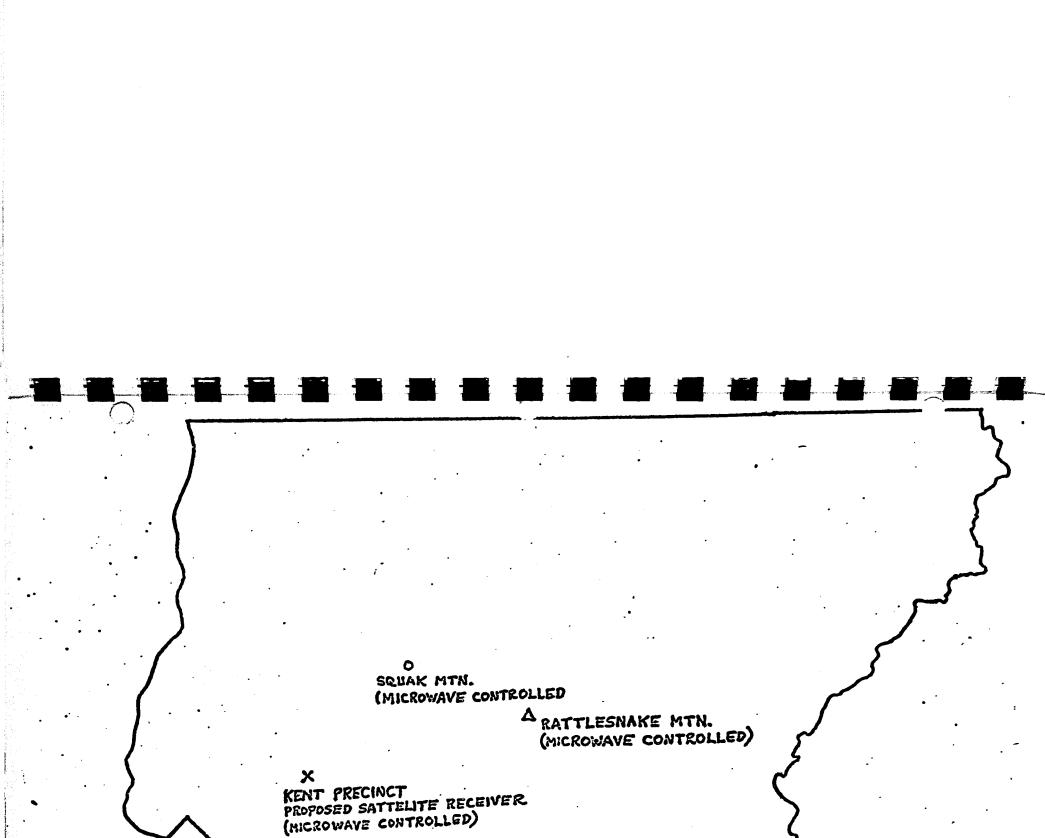






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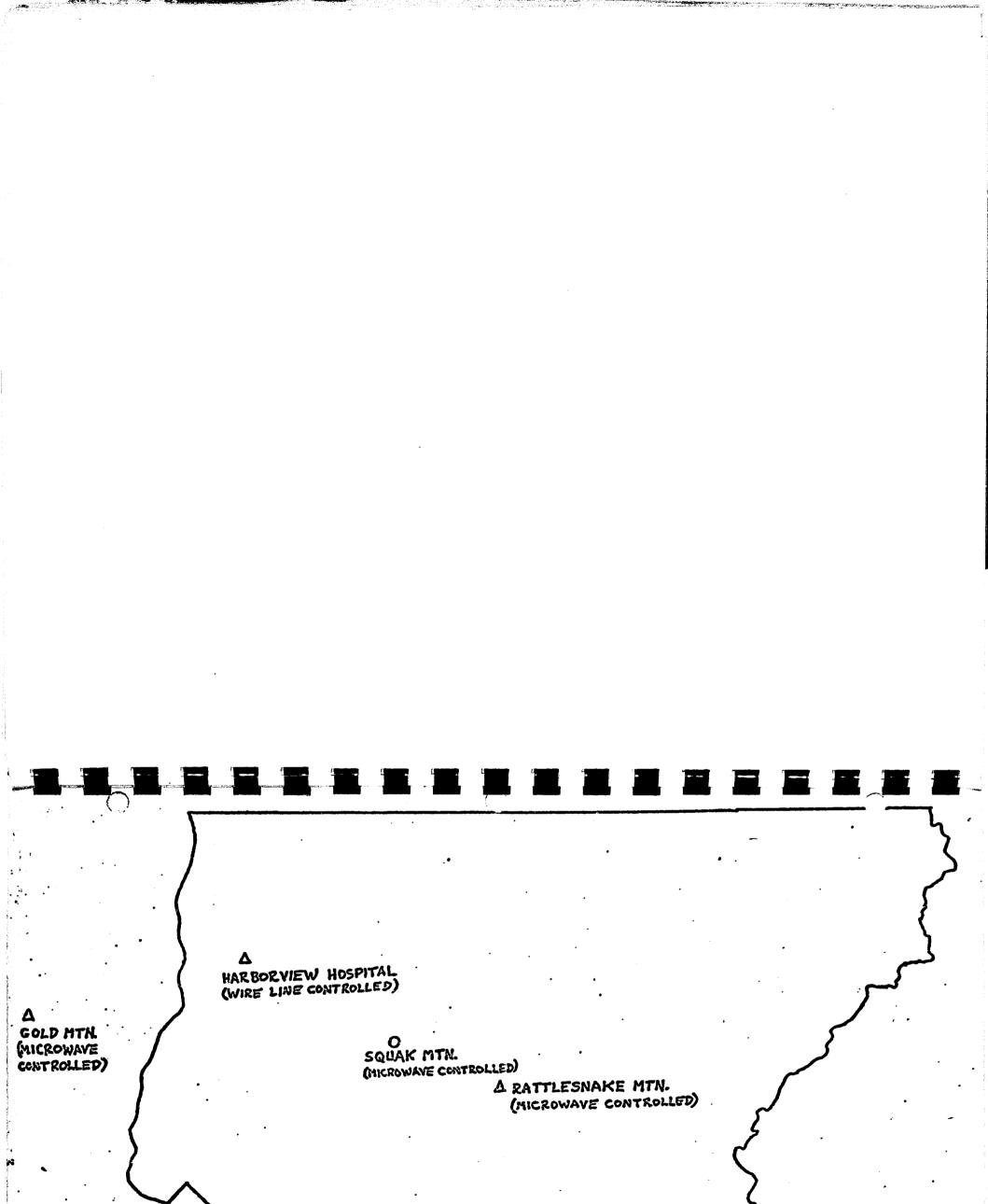


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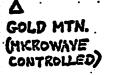
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GRASS MTN. (IN-BAND REPEATER AT PRESENT -WILL BE MICROWAVE CONTROLLED)



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O SQUAK MTN. (MICROWAVE CONTROLLED)

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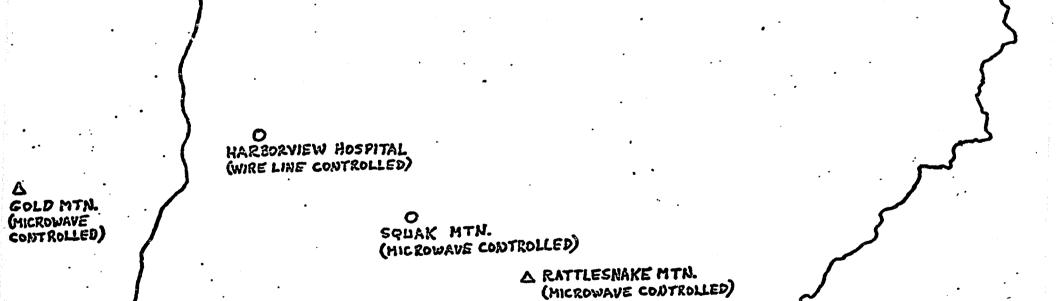
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KING COUNTY DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY TAC-3 RADIO CHANNEL REPEATER SITES TRANSMIT FREQUENCY 453.350 MHz. RECEIVE #1 FREQUENCY 458.350 MHz. RECEIVE #2 FREQUENCY 453.350 MHz.



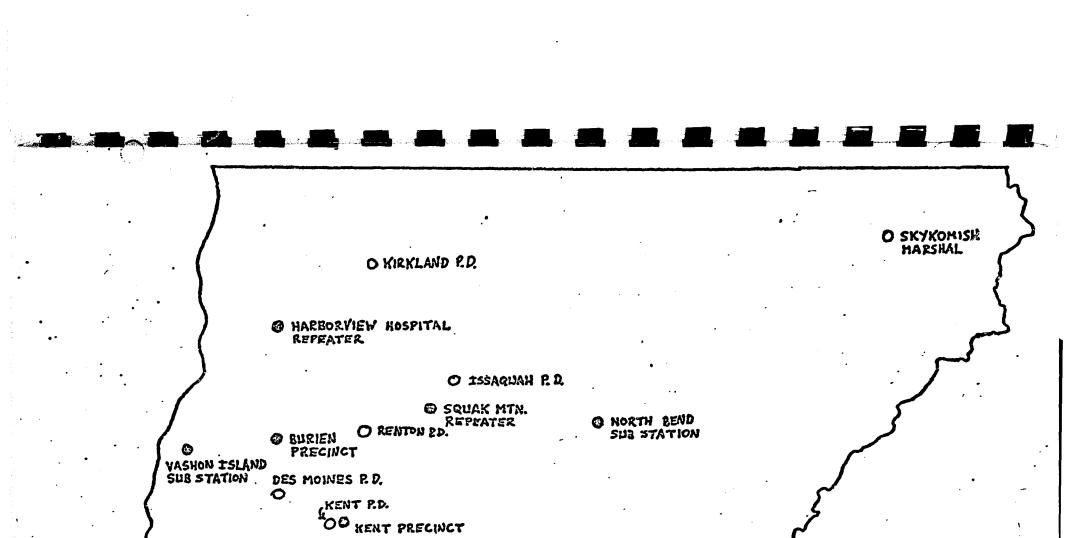
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