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\$2 Million to the City of San Fernando for Public Safety Radios and Body Cameras

A Check Presentation with Senator Hertzberg, Anthony Vairo, Chief, Lt. Irwin Rosenberg, and City Council

SAN FERNANDO – Senate Majority Leader Bob Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys) will hold a Check Presentation this Friday, July 30th, at 4:30 PM with Chief Anthony Vairo, Lt. Irwin Rosenberg and City Council at the San Fernando Police Station located at 910 1st St. to discuss funding allocated for the San Fernando Police Department’s new radio system and body cameras.

With the legislature’s approval of the state budget comes approved funding for vital Valley programs, including \$2 million awarded to the San Fernando Police Department to maintain an interoperable public safety radio system and purchase body cameras.

The COVID-19 crisis exacerbated long-standing problems with the City of San Fernando’s analog police radio system in a time when coordination among first responders has been more important than ever. The antiquated system was unable to provide reliable communication between the San Fernando Police Department and key public safety agencies like the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department and the Los Angeles Police Department in the event of a major incident, natural or manmade disaster. Meanwhile, direct contact between the San Fernando Police Department’s analog radio system and the Los Angeles Fire Department’ digital radio system was impossible.

The City set out to provide the police department with a new radio system, but given limited resources, the City only had the funds to cover the cost of the upgrade for one year. The \$2 million in funding from the General Fund approved by the State Legislature will allow the City of San Fernando to maintain the upgrade to 9-1-1 communications center radios, mobile field units and handheld units for all public safety field personnel for an additional two years, as well as purchase body cameras.

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