



Subject: Support for Upper Snake River 700MHz Radio System Upgrade

Dear Representative Simpson,

I am writing this letter to express my wholehearted support for the Bonneville County Sheriff's Department's radio infrastructure project. In today's rapidly evolving technological landscape, having reliable and efficient communication channels is paramount for law enforcement agencies to coordinate responses, share critical information, and collaborate seamlessly during emergencies or routine operations. The proposed radio infrastructure project promises to enhance the County's communication capabilities significantly, thereby empowering our Officers to carry out their duties more effectively and expediently.

Furthermore, I understand that this project is not just about upgrading equipment but also about ensuring interoperability and compatibility with neighboring agencies and emergency responders. In times of crisis or joint operations, seamless communication and coordination among various departments can make all the difference in the outcome. By investing in this project, the Bonneville County Sheriff's Department is fostering stronger partnerships and collaboration within our broader public safety ecosystem.

I am particularly impressed by the meticulous planning and consideration that has gone into this project, as evidenced by the comprehensive proposal outlining the objectives, budget breakdown, and expected outcomes. The safety and well-being of our community are paramount, and investing in critical infrastructure projects like this radio upgrade is a proactive step towards safeguarding our neighborhoods and ensuring a prompt and coordinated response to emergencies.

In conclusion, I urge you to consider the Bonneville County Sheriff's Department's Request for funding of the radio infrastructure project. I also commend the department for its commitment to enhancing public safety through strategic investments in technology and infrastructure. I stand ready to offer any assistance or support needed to see this project through to successful completion.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Bryce A. Johnson

Chief of Police



**Subject: Request for Support – Upper Snake River 700MHz Radio System Upgrade**

Dear Representative Simpson,

I am writing today to respectfully request your support for a critical public safety initiative: the upgrade of the Upper Snake River 700MHz Radio System, with a particular focus on Bonneville County.

This vital communication infrastructure, which supports law enforcement, fire departments, emergency medical services, and other public safety operations, is in urgent need of modernization. The system currently requires the installation of 40 new base station repeaters to maintain reliable coverage and operational effectiveness. Without these upgrades, we face serious limitations in emergency communication capabilities, putting both first responders and the public at unnecessary risk.

The proposed improvements will significantly enhance communication capacity, improve response times, and ensure the continued safety of our community. The estimated cost of this upgrade is \$892,320. While this is a substantial investment, the benefits—measured in lives protected and crises averted—are far greater.

Your leadership and advocacy are essential in helping secure the funding needed for this initiative. By supporting this upgrade, you would reaffirm your commitment to the safety, resilience, and well-being of the residents of Bonneville County and the greater Upper Snake River region.

Thank you for your consideration of this pressing need. I would welcome the opportunity to further discuss how your support can make a lasting difference for our public safety infrastructure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D. Nelson", written over a horizontal line.

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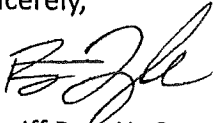
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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Bonneville County Sheriff's Office Radio Improvement Project. Funding for this initiative will allow for the replacement of 20 end-of-life repeater base stations across eight tower sites within Bonneville County. These towers are a vital part of the Upper Snake 700 MHz Radio System, which serves as critical communication infrastructure for first responders across five counties in eastern Idaho—including my own.

Please give this essential project your full consideration and support.

Sincerely,



Sheriff Bart H. Quayle



April 23, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

In regards to the Bonneville County Sheriff's Office Radio Improvement Project, I am in full support of the upgrade they are requesting. As you may be well aware, communication is vital for all emergency and non-emergency personnel and it is important for us to keep up with changing technology, which can become extremely expensive.

This proposal will affect all communications for the Upper Valley and will continue to benefit all agencies in the communities we serve.

Sincerely,  
Sheriff Ron Ball