

BARRINGTON HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To:

Trustee Skip Gianopulos
Trustee Fritz Gohl

From:

Michael N Murphy, Chief of Police

Subject:

Elimination of Booking / Lockup Pay Phone

Date:

January 30, 2012

The payphone in the booking/lockup area has largely gone unused since its installation and what little use it has seen has slowly diminished due to the rapid proliferation of mobile phones. Accordingly, it has been recommended that the Department remove the phone and save the \$900 in annual fees.

Furthermore, it has been proposed that a prepaid mobile phone be purchased for arrestees to utilize. A variety of options and carriers have been reviewed and it appears that a prepaid T-Mobile Phone with 1000 minutes is the most attractive route. This is primarily due to the fact that a \$100 refill purchase (1000 whenever-minutes) qualifies for T-Mobile's "Gold Rewards"* status, which notably prevents minutes expiring for one year. For hardware, a low-cost phone such as the below Samsung model available from Amazon.com for \$27.54, is recommended.



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