

MEMO

To: Dr. Cole  
From: Erich Howard  
Subject: Cell Phones  
Date: 1/23/00  
CC: Gov. Musgrove, John Gilbert

Four cell phones have been identified from the previous administration as active. These are in addition to the phones that the current staff assigned during the transition.

Gov. and Mrs. Fordice used two small phones. These phones are in the possession of the Governor's security detail at the mansion. The other two phones that were used by the Governor's staff are in the possession of Erich Howard in the Sillers Building.

Rusty Barnes has requested that the two cell phones remain with the security detail. If the phones remain with the detail, should the Governor's Office continue to pay the bill or should DPS pay the bill or obtain their own phones? These phones are in addition to the DPS phones that security has been issued. There is a possibility of a third phone – Rusty is looking for the phone. If DPS has provided security with phones – should we retrieve the phones paid for by the Governor's office?

One phone at Sillers is incomplete – there is no charger or belt clip. The other phone is of considerable size and not convenient to carry. I recommend that the larger phone be deactivated and the components for the smaller phone be found or ordered and used. Donna Simmons has asked to be considered for use of the smaller phone, since she carries two phones.