

MARRS Management Council Committee
March 1, 2023, Hybrid/TEAMS
Meeting Summary

Eric Winebrenner shared that, Greg Williams; Kansas City Missouri Police Department would be the new Missouri Co-chair for this committee.

The Kansas co-chair, Worth Hunsinger opened the meeting.

- Approval of November 16, 2022, Meeting Summary

Chris Skinrood moved to approve the November 16, 2022, meeting summary. Tony Avery seconded it. The motion was approved.

- System Users Updates

- Cass County – Marie Beauchamp – No report
- Excelsior Springs – No report
- Independence – No report
- Johnson County – Hunsinger reported that they had met with Motorola regarding the last parts of their system upgrades. They have a meta ware update coming up in a couple of weeks for Zone 3. Otherwise, they are doing clean-up for the encryption change.
- Kansas City Missouri – Jeff Brame/Jeff Stephenson – Subscriber wise, they are about the same with a few stragglers, but their radios have been reprogrammed. Stephenson shared that adding the core patch had been postponed because of a hiccup in the system for the ATA router that routes all the ATA data. They just received a copy of the software fix so this update will be scheduled.
- Lee’s Summit – No report
- Platte County – Tony Avery – Today, they are in the process of swapping out all the switches at their subsites. All their subscriber units have transitioned to encryption. He is keeping their Comm Center unencrypted for another week or so.
- Wyandotte County – Darrell Banner – Everything went normal with the reprogramming of their subscriber units to AES. They still have PD to do. They experienced a firewall issue yesterday. May added that they are starting the process of replacing their portables as part of the encryption upload. They have added a few encrypted talkgroups for their fire command staff as part of the upgrade. Banner noted that they should be 100% done with the cleanup next week.

- System Requests – Jeff Brame

- Brame asked who was removing the old encryption/old programming that this group has abandoned. There was a discussion and Wyandotte, Johnson County, Riverside (once Commenco can get to them will do it - Commenco is logged, and it is looking like four weeks before they will get to them. Platte County Sheriff’s office has already removed the old encryption/programming. May shared that Wyandotte had updated their templates last year and he would be happy to share it with anyone wanting to use it.
- Hunsinger asked if anyone was adding more encryption?
 - Wyandotte – May had previously shared that they were adding some for Fire. May added that they were only putting Fire encryption in Fire’s ports, top level (has always had it) but now, the next level right under their top level will be encrypted. Fire will have their own talkgroups.
 - KCMO Police/Fire – Brame reported that PD was adding more, and some was being added for Fire but not all of Force will be fully encrypted except for CJC who will be fully encrypted.
 - Independence - Hunsinger shared that Independence was considering adding more.
 - Johnson County - Hunsinger noted that for Johnson County everything is the same except for Prairie Village who found a channel not encrypted and encrypted it. Others are talking about making changes but have not decided yet.

Winebrenner asked if anyone had received complaints from the media and so far, they have not. Brame said KCPD is providing media with web-based feed.

There were no system requests.

Brame shared the following MARRS agreements update:

- FBI – KCPD has received the FBI’s signed agreement which he forwarded to the city for signature and has been signed by the City Manager’s office.
- Bates County - He also sent this one over to the city for signatures and learned that it had already

been approved.

- IRS – They are still trying to come onboard and have amended the agreement. The city approved their changes. Once Brame receives the updated agreement, it will be brought before this Board for their review and approval.
- Encrypted Talkgroup Designation – Jeff Brame
 - A decision needs to be made on what this group wants setup. Previously, it had been said that 27 and 28 would be designated as pursuit/backup but is there a need to produce other designations. The REG COMM designations were displayed on the screen. Skinroad shared that the MARRS Users/Techs was recommending that this body stay with the designations already have setup. After some discussion, it was agreed to keep the designations the same; not to make any changes.

May asked how the Chiefs' celebration COMMs had gone. Brame felt everything went well. But he noted that they did end up patching non-encrypted to encrypted channels which took a lot of resources. Stephenson said they had everything locked down to one site and they had not experienced any busies. May said he had asked this because of the upcoming sporting events that Wyandotte would be handling and what may be needed as far as COMMs and to see if they had enough.

- Cost Model Updates – Jeff Brame
 - This is listed in the new MARRS agreement and anyone wanting a copy should contact Brame (Jeffrey.Brame@kcpd.org). The document was displayed on the screen. Brame noted that the new cost was \$17,580 for port per year and \$17.05 subscriber per month. The reason for this going up is because of the SUA going up.
 - Changes to the users' agreement still need to be made.

Brame asked who had done cyber? So far, Wyandotte, KCPD and Johnson County. May said he hopes they can get some standards for this.

- Other Discussion
 - Brame asked who had mobiles and portable ordered from Motorola, how long ago did they order them and when are they expecting to get them?
 - Wyandotte – Per May, they ordered 305 portable radios for Fire which took less than a month to get. It took another month and half to get the speakers. They chose not to order the chargers because once they did the math and warranty cost; it would be more cost effective to order batteries. They have had the radios for six months and are waiting on is the batteries. Motorola has given them a May timeline for receiving the batteries which would be a five-month turnaround. Wyandotte is getting ready to release an order of 700+ for the law enforcement side for which May expects a little better response time.
 - Johnson County – Boden said they ordered a small number of radios and received them around a month and a half. Then, they did a software order which took around four months. Hunsinger added that they had ordered consolettes for a project which is taking forever. They even changed models from a color screen to a black/white one. Now, they are being told they will be received at the end of the month.
 - Riverside – Skinroad said they ordered batteries three months ago and are being told that it would take anywhere from six – twelve months to receive them. They received three consoles and have a couple more scheduled to ship on Friday.
 - Hoskins said that on the MARC policy shared on the screen, it looked like the outline of how individuals request channel assignments had dropped off and that information needs to be added back into the document. Winebrenner shared that MARC staff would check the website to see which version was on it and if needed, have the website updated with the correct policy.

The meeting was adjourned.

2023 MARRS Management Council Meeting Dates

- May 24, 2023
- August 23, 2023
- November 29, 2023