

MARRS Management Council Committee
May 24, 2023, Hybrid/TEAMS
Meeting Summary

Greg Williams, Kansas City Missouri Police Department opened the meeting and self-introductions were done. Eric Winebrenner read the names of those online.

- Approval of the March 1, 2023, Meeting Summary

Scott Boden moved to approve the March 1, 2023, meeting summary. Chris Skinrood seconded it. The motion was approved.

- System Owners Update

- Cass County – Marie Beauchamp – No change
- Excelsior Springs – No report
- Independence – Jim Lencioni – Nothing new
- Johnson County – Worth Hunsinger – Nothing new.
- Kansas City Missouri – Jeff Brame – They do not have anything
- Lee’s Summit – Jamie Taylor – They do not have anything new.
- Platte County – Tony Avery – Nothing new.
- Wyandotte County – Darrell Banner – Nothing.

- AES Implementation – Chris Skinrood

- Request to remove RegCom 3 and RegCom 28 patches
 - Skinrood explained that at the last Users/Techs meeting, they had voted to recommend to this Council the removal of RegCom 3 and RegCom 28 patches for pursuit to strictly RegCom 28 for pursuits effective June 1, 2023. There was discussion about this.

Chris Skinrood moved to transition away from patching RegCom 3 and 28 to solely use 28 on pursuits effected June 1, 2023. Tony Avery seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

Winebrenner said that Nikki Thomas would send an email announcing this change.

- System Request

- Winebrenner shared that Johnson County Missouri is working on a new radio system and that TUSA is their consultant. He noted that this Council may see a request in the future from Johnson County Missouri to join the MARRS system.

- Encrypted Talk group Designation – Jeff Brame

- Brame said this is about all the encrypted talk groups from the forced encryption 15 – 28. Each of these needs to be assigned. Per Skinrood, when conversations about this started, the region did not know who would be encrypted and who would not. He felt the change was to get law enforcement traffic off the unencrypted talk groups. Brame shared that this group just needs to do designations. Also noted was 26 - 28 are designated as encrypted. Skinrood shared that half are forced, and half are user select. Skinrood shared that previously, this group has designated 15 – 22 as selectable, 23 – 28 as forced encrypted which is what it says in the document on the MARC website. Avery noted that this was the original decision, but this has been updated/changed to force encrypt everything from 15 – 28.

It was agreed that 15 – 25 would go back to the Users/Techs committee to discuss and for them to provide assignment recommendations to this Council. Skinrood noted that they should also discuss and forward recommendations for the reassignments for RegCom 3,5, and 6.

The information on the MARC website information for RegCom 26-28 can and will be updated now.

Brame reminded everyone that you cannot just use a RegCom, you need to get it assigned for CommC with the exception of emergency pursuits.

- Other Discussion

- Brame shared that he would be sending out an email with the information of how many radios he thinks your agency is using. Everyone needs to review their information and forward any updates/changes to him or contact him with any questions at (Jeffrey.Brame@kcpd.org). He reminded everyone that this information is what the city will use to bill their agencies in June.

- Brame said that KCPD was purchasing a KMF (key management facility) radio purchase and Motorola needs everyone's AES encryption to load in the KMF and transcoder. The ideal here is if the region wants to take a KDL around the region and copy all the region's subscription keys into one KDL. Having the KMF will allow KCPD to rekey AES key radios over the air. OTAR is required in the radios for KCPD to be able to do the rekey. He said that if the region wanted to use KMF, there must be a discussion about it in the Users/Techs meeting and what kind of charges there may be for using KMF. Brame noted that it would be nice if the agencies could bring the KDL to the Users/Techs meeting. Williams said that agencies bringing their KDL may not happen at the next meeting, but information about this could be shared and then following up with agencies bring their KDLs to the following meeting after this one. There was discussion on where/how this could be controlled. Brame only wants one master KDL that is fluent to keep the master keys secure.

KMF will be added to the next Users/Techs committee meeting agenda.

- Brame added that KCPD has also purchased Acuvim (cybersecurity). It was shared that Platte County has this system and Independence was in the mist of installing it. Brame said if anyone was interested in having cybersecurity through Motorola on your system, now may be the time to do it. Williams said that those interested in this system should contact Brame for the Motorola contact's information. Christianson shared that there is a hardware cost for each primary site.

The meeting adjourned.

2023 MARRS Management Council Meeting Dates

- August 23, 2023
- November 29, 2023