

**MARRS Management Council Committee**  
**August 23, 2023, Hybrid/TEAMS**  
**Meeting Summary**

Greg Williams opened the meeting and self-introductions were done. Eric Winebrenner performed a roll call and shared the names of those online.

- Approval of the May 24, 2023, Meeting Summary

*Scott Boden moved to approve the May 24, 2023, meeting summary. Tony Avery seconded it. The motion was approved.*

- System Owners Update

- Cass County – Marie Beauchamp – Purchased cybersecurity and are in the implementation phase.
- Excelsior Springs – No report
- Independence – Doug Christianson – Cybersecurity updates start tomorrow. Their backup links are back operating. Still working on their fiber connection.
- Johnson County – Worth Hunsinger – Implementing cybersecurity.
- Kansas City Missouri – No report.
- Lee’s Summit – Jamie Taylor – Working on fire’s backup radio issues on the city’s internal network for them to come over to the police department. Also, as Christianson shared the fiber link has been fixed.
- Platte County – Tony Avery – The snafu they had a couple of weeks ago with some changes that were made to their online talk groups was quickly rectified. Nothing else to report.
- Wyandotte County – Darrell Banner – Doing cybersecurity implementation.

- AES Implementation

- Haynes shared that Johnson County KS police department is moving toward full encryption. They are waiting to hear from all the departments regarding who wants to make this move. This should be completed by the first of the year.

- System Request

- Winebrenner shared that Johnson County Mo is building a new radio system. TUSA is their consultant. He noted at the last Users/Tech meeting they had agreed to make a recommendation to this Council.

*The MARRS Users/Tech committee is recommending the approval of Johnson County Missouri joining MARRS pending the approval of the Kansas City Manager’s office to the PS Management Council.*

Winebrenner shared that MARC had received the signed agreement from Johnson County Mo and are just awaiting Kansas City Mo’s approval.

Talkington said that Kim Jennings, Executive Director, Central Dispatch and E911 and Shawn Lockard, Board President for Johnson County Mo Emergency Service Board were also online. Johnson County Mo’s system will be a six tower, simulcasting system that covers the entire county. They will be putting in an edge availability server for redundancy should their links into the MARRS system have some technical issues; Johnson County, Mo could act independently. They will put in ten dispatch consoles and hundreds of radios.

Johnson County, Mo is requesting the opportunity to join the MARRS system as a full system owner. Lockard shared that this will be a massive expansion for their radio system and their communications capabilities. Avery asked how many frequencies they would have? They will have seven frequencies operating in TDMA with six voice paths times two providing twelve available paths. Dual dynamic mode will be included.

*Marie Beauchamp moved to approve Johnson County Missouri joining the MARRS system. This was seconded by Tony Avery. This passed without opposition.*

- Other Discussion

- Beauchamp shared that she was not able to attend the Users/Tech meeting and wanted to know if there was a discussion on regional talk groups like for like on fire for the encrypted channels? Per Winebrenner, assigning channels was discussed. Skinrod added that Thomas is going to start tracking fire like she did with law enforcement to see which fire departments do not have encryption or encryption equipment that would qualify. Also, to find out which ones were thinking about doing it and their lack time for it. Beauchamp asked if the ones that are not encrypted could use the

unencrypted comms? Skinroad shared the issue with that was trying to patch an encrypted channel with an unencrypted one. Avery said this is going to have to be what Fire wanted and who they are patching to.

- Avery also noted he was unable to attend the User/Tech meeting and asked if the Leavenworth issue was going to be on the next agenda. Per Avery, he does not feel that Leavenworth ever had approval from this Council for regional comms. Winebrenner confirmed that he was saying there was a need to bring the complete Leavenworth agreement before this Council and Avery said that was correct. Winebrenner will contact Wendy Dedeke letting her know that Leavenworth needed to fill out the agreement. He will copy Johnson County Ks and Avery on the email to Dedeke. This will be on the next Council's meeting agenda.
- Christianson said at the last Users/Tech meeting, having legal counsel review the school request issue was discussed and he was wondering if there has been any progress. It was shared that during that meeting, it had been agreed to forward this to the owners for handling. Winebrenner shared that some owners already have schools in their system and there is a need for a blanket answer. A discussion ensued about this. Christianson was asked to set up the owners' meeting. Winebrenner noted that once the owners had decided, he should be contacted to add this item on the next meeting agenda.
- Avery asked Hunsinger if he had access to Ellen Wernicke files and the updated MOU she had been working on. Avery asked for that to also be discussed during the owner's meeting. Hunsinger does have access and will look for MOU to have at the owner's meeting.

The meeting adjourned.

### **2023 MARRS Management Council Meeting Dates**

- November 29, 2023