Public Safety Communications Users Meeting  
June 24, 2020
Meeting Summary

Agencies Present:
Scott Boden, Johnson County Kansas
Linda Alvarez, North Kansas City Police Department
Tony Avery, Platte County Sheriff’s Office/EM
William (Bill) Brier, Gladstone Department of Public Safety
Daniel Collins, Ray County 9-1-1
Greg Damron, Leawood Police Department
Nathan Dugan, Kansas City Fire Department
Kim Davis, Ray County 9-1-1
Manuel DeLeon, Kansas City Kansas Police Department
Kate Dorsey, Johnson County Emergency Communications Center
Tony Foster, Douglas County Emergency Communications
Stephen Hoskins, Kansas City Police Department
Worth Hunsinger, Johnson County Emergency Communications Center
Mike Lowther, Lenexa Police Department
Steven Mailand, Johnson County Kansas Sheriff’s Office
Travis Marshall, KUPD Emergency Management
Eric McCullough, Prairie Village Police Department
Travis Meats, Shawnee Police Department
Kevin Miles, KU Public Safety Office
Jeremy Rabb, Douglas County Emergency Communications
Allison Ray, Miami County Sheriff’s Office
Johnny Platt, Johnson County Emergency Communications Center
Jamie Taylor, Lee’s Summit Police Department
Robin Tieman, Cass County
Don Ward, Overland Park Police Department
Chuck Zang, Kansas City Fire Department

MARC Staff: Eric Winebrenner, Hassan Al-Rubaie, Ben Clark, Mike Daniels, Saralyn Hayes, Nikki Thomas and Chris Allen Hunter.

1. Call to Order and Introductions
Scott Boden called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of March 20, 2020 meeting summary

   A motion was made by Tony Avery to approve the March summary. It was seconded by Travis Marshall. The motion passed with no opposition.

3. 911 Legislative Update: Eric Winebrenner
Federal
   - Committee still reviewing 911 infrastructure bill which is $12 billion over the next five years.
   - Changing the classification of 911 dispatchers is still in committee.
State
- All 911 bills died in committee. Nothing was passed.

Kansas
- Nothing was passed.

Local
- Jackson County Missouri voted to put 911 subscriber tax on the November ballot.

4. **Missouri 911 Service Board Report**
   - Passed their 2021 budget.
   - Have an RFP for statewide GIS which would allow MO to catch up with KS GIS.
   - Continuing work on developing regional coordination centers.
   - Now have an Executive Director, Brian Maydwell.

5. **Kansas 911 Coordinating Board – Mike Daniels**
   - Working on putting together a mobile PSAP that can be implemented around the state.
   - Continuing to discuss three counties near MARC that are not on the state system.
   - Still deciding whether they want to work on additional legislation for reclassifying 911 dispatchers to 1st responders.

6. **PSAP Updates - Hassan Al-Rubaie**
   a. Kansas City, Kansas Renovation
      - Moving to Johnson County ECC in July so that HVAC work can be completed in their PSAP.
   b. Douglas County Implementation
      - Cutting the PSAP at the University of Kansas over to the MARC Network next week.
      - Plan to have Douglas County Sheriff’s office on by the end of July. Their ALI and trunks will be cutoff later then, they will get connected to MARC’s ALI.
   c. Atchison County Membership
      - Making progress. Work is still being done and still need to get map work completed before they can come onboard. Saralyn Hayes noted that it was her belief that the map work was completed, and their data group only had railroad mile posts left to add.

7. **Public Safety Program Updates**
   - **Training – Mike Daniels**
     - In-person trainings have been canceled for now. Work is being done on the possibility of implementing this again October 1. The October start date will depend on the pandemic and agencies willingness/ability to send staff.
     - Working on 2021 and the possibility of offering a complete online training version.
     - Basic Training – Several agencies have staff that need this training so, work is being done with PowerPhone on making this part of their training platform.
   - **Technical Services – Hassan Al-Rubaie**
     - **Router:**
       - Router work is moving along. Remote access has been given to Motorola to complete the remaining work.
     - **Hardware:**
       - Have received equipment for MARC training center, Lenexa, Raymore and Prairie Village’s scheduled updates. This work will be done in the next few months. Will be ordering equipment for the other upgrades also scheduled for this year. Anyone with questions on the date of their upgrade should contact Hassan Al-Rubaie (hal-rubaie@marc.org).
     - **Database / Mapping – Saralyn Hayes**
       - This group is working remotely and focusing on mapping improvements.
       - Have requested the very large query (VLQ). Once their report has been completed, they will push it out to everyone. Hayes noted that they had added some additional reports.
       - Hayes reminded everyone to report any misroutes or incorrect location information.

8. **2020 Budget**
   Winebrenner shared that MARC was asked by the Kansas’ counties to come up with an estimated cost for the 2021 budget. He also shared that PS Board was told that staff would review ways to save money.
Mike Daniels outlined the items in the estimated 2021 budget. He noted that MARC felt it would be more financially beneficial for the 911 maintenance tech team to take over some of the items Commenco handles. This would require hiring two additional maintenance staff and providing equipment, training, vehicles and office space for them. A consultant was hired to do a salary comparison on regional tech salaries vs MARC tech’s salaries. This report showed MARC’s salary levels as low. Per Daniels, work is being done on increasing the tech salary levels. The new salary levels were shared. He noted that there would still be a contract with Commenco to cover any items that the 911 techs did not or could not handle (example climbing towers). Without the original Commenco contract the 2021 budget will be 2% lower than 2020’s budget. If we decide to stay with Commenco, the budget will increase 4%. Daniels shared the counties/jurisdictions cost breakdowns. Winebrenner reminded everyone that the 2020 census would affect these amounts slightly.

Tony Avery made a motion to recommend acceptance of the estimated 2021 budget to the Public Safety Communications Board. This was seconded by Bill Brier. The motion was approved with no opposition.

9. **MoDot Lee’s Summit router location discussion**
   - Winebrenner reported that MARC had recently received a notice from MoDot saying MARC could not have twenty-four access to their building. Anticipating this could cause some issues and after meeting with the PS Board and Users co-chairs, research for a new location to move the equipment housed at MoDot was done. Bids were received from LightEdge, Rackspace and Tierpoint. Al-Rubaie provided information on each facility. Next, Daniels shared a cost outline for each.

   Don Ward made a motion that LightEdge be recommended to the PS Board as the new data housing location. This motion was seconded by Bill Brier. Motion passed with no opposition.

10. **2020 OPA Award presentation discussion**
    - Winebrenner shared that due to COVID-19 and the need to cancel TAC, how we recognize this year’s OPA award winners needed to be decided. It was initially thought that this could be done at a PS Board meeting, but it is unknown when the Board would be able to meet in person again. Then, it was suggested to go to their individual Council Commission board meetings, but it is unknown if they are having in person meetings. This was discussed and several ideas shared: 1) reading the recipients name’s during the 2021 TAC celebration. 2) putting something in the recipients’ agency internal messaging or newsletters and 3) doing presentations at their agencies. Winebrenner noted that these ideas would be shared with the PS Board.

11. **Other Business**
    - Future meeting format discussion
      - Avery said that he did not see any reason to change from doing Teams meetings. This was seconded by Scott Boden. It was agreed to continue meetings through Teams for now. When and if staff go back into the MARC office, the meetings will be set up in person and possibly also in Teams.

    Al-Rubaie noted that Kansas City Kansas dispatch would be moving to Johnson County ECC on July 8. Kate Dorsey shared that they were scheduled to be there through mid-August.

12. **Adjournment**
    With no further discussion, Scott Boden adjourned the meeting.

**Future Meeting Dates:**
**PS User Committee @ 1:00 pm Teams Video**
- September 2, 2020
- December 2, 2020