

**MARRS Technical/Users Committee**  
**August 13, 2025**  
**Meeting Summary**

▪ **Welcome & Call to order** – Chris Skinroad

- Approval of May 14, 2025, meeting summary

*Rick Gisolf moved to approve May 14, 2025, meeting summary. Jeff Brame seconded the move. This passed without opposition.*

▪ **Users Committee**

- RFP Committee Update and Recommendation
  - Skinroad reported that a collective work group was put together which has gone through a process of seeing what the needs are as a region, what would be our best course of actions, the need to look at system evaluations, upgrades, purchases of equipment, and things of that nature. There was a request made that they look for this type of opening. So, they put together an RFP with help from MARC staff which was issued, and six RFPs were received. The work group met to evaluate the packages received and based on the scoring (which was shared on the agenda and on the screen) a vendor was selected to be recommended to the Management Council. The vendor selected was TUSA based on their experience, the pricing they submitted, and what the RFP stated that the region was looking for; they submitted best proposal that would facilitate getting what was needed accomplished.

It was asked to see the scoring sheet, and it was shared on the screen. Skinroad and Gisolf shared some information about the scoring sheets. Skinroad provided an outline about some of the RFPs that were received. He shared that some were more of a complete lift as in a system replacement while others were more in line with being more strategic with consulting services and understanding that we were not looking for a system replacement but for equipment upgrades, replacements, and trying to negotiate pricing for the region in place of a full system replacement. Gisolf noted that there were a couple of other firms that had a good knowledge and understanding of our system and how it is put together. But to the level that TUSA has and the pricing combined was not matched.

Maria Beauchamp asked about the price point and if that would be something that the Management Council would vote on. Yes, the price would be decided by the Management Council. Skinroad said that the cost would be on everybody. This is figured out by breaking down the overall cost on a regional per console basis. An example of this would be an agency having two consoles and whatever the base price would be; they would pay those times two. Beauchamp asked when this contract (if approved) would go into effect. Skinroad outlined the approval process and if approved, it would go to MARC to manage the inter-governmental agreements and collection of fees. Winebrenner noted that MARC has all of the agreements returned and signed, MARC would reach out to the selected contractor to work out that signed contract.

Skinroad reminded everyone that this was being done to try to circumvent the different costs that are being charged throughout the region. Having a portion of the approved RFP agency's work to be securing set pricing across the region; getting to standardization in costs.

*Marie Beauchamp made a motion to move the recommendation forward for approval of TUSA consulting for the MARRS system. Rick Gisolf seconded the motion. This passed without opposition.*

▪ **System Request**

- Jeff Brame shared that Holt Fire is wanting on the system, but they do not have a City Manager that would process the request. So, he did not have a request ready to present today but it is possible that he will have one in a few weeks.

▪ **Technical Committee**

- REGCOM Talkgroups and Site Access – Jeff Brame
  - He wants everyone's opinion on what RegComm are for. He shared his assumption. There was a discussion on how radios are set up and what is required to be able to use RegComm. Zach Cobb asked if there was a need to have a standardization for RegComm settings. Brame will get more information and bring this up during the Management Council meeting.
  - Skinroad noted that everyone needs to check their system setups with FIFA coming. Steve Ewing suggested that for new members it would be good to have something with the standardizations of what is needed to have RegComm would be helpful.

▪ MARRS System Reports/Upgrades

- Cass County – Marie Beauchamp – None
- Excelsior Springs/Clay County – Larry Tarrant – None to report.
- Independence – Doug Christianson – Nothing at this time.
- Johnson County, KS – Paul Haynes – Nothing new.
- Johnson County, MO – Steve Ewing – Nothing at this time.
- Kansas City, MO – Jeff Brame – Installed tracking of illegal carriers' equipment in four sites and one mobile site and have gotten some other equipment to try to track down illegal carriers with a spectrum analyzer. They have been practicing using this equipment. So, if your systems are getting hit by something and need some help, contact Scott Stephenson, 816.719.8363 or Brandon Williams, 816.513.3600.
- Lee's Summit – No report.
- Platte County – Tony Avery – Nothing to report.
- Wyandotte County - Darrell Banner – They are going through maintenance of all of their sites and have had some issues with audio and digitalization type sounds. Looking at their IP networking equipment to track down this issue. No new equipment.

▪ Open Discussion

**Next meeting**

- December 10, 2025

The meeting was adjourned.

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