

MARRS Management Council Committee
June 16, 2021
Meeting Summary

1. Co-chair Major Charles Huth opened the meeting and a roll call was performed.

2. Approval of February 17, 2021 Meeting Summary

Richard Carrizzo made a motion to approve the February 17, 2021 meeting minutes. This was second by Travis Ford. The motion passed with no opposition.

3. System Owners Upgrade

- Johnson County – Ellen Wernicke – Nothing significant for them. They are beginning conversations with Motorola on their contract renewal.
- Wyandotte County – No report.
- Platte County – Tony Avery – Microwave update completed. Meeting with Motorola on expiring SUA and in conversations with KCPD regarding encryption.
- Cass County – Maria Beauchamp – Ethernet upgrade is done. Working with Motorola and Hassan Al-Rubaie on a quote to connect with Independence.
- Kansas City Missouri – Jeff Brame – Microwave upgrade will start the middle of July and last around three weeks. Discussing testing with the department which includes AES, patching, and how to do the test. Scott shared that the test will be August 11th in the early morning hours. Once this testing has been completed the K1 will be switched over to key 1266.
- Lee's Summit – Travis Forbes – Researching with Motorola their high-speed crash issue.
- Independence – Doug Christianson – Microwave and ethernet conversions are completed. Working with Scott Stephenson on the key slot assignment. He noted that with encryption, there is a need to make sure it works with the transcoder and is in discussions with Motorola about this.
- Excelsior Springs – No report.

4. System Requests

- **FBI request access to MARRS system**
 - Type of access and number of radios (Jeff Brame – KCPD)

Brame shared that the FBI had not presented the MOU document yet. The FBI has some verbiage they want changed which has the paperwork held up in legal. Wernicke believes that the FBI's verbiage change should be brought back to this committee at least for information and to make sure this group is agreeable with this change.

- **Federal Task Force Talk Group Discussion**
 - US Marshal Encrypted talk group

Wernicke and Brame worked with the Marshalls to switch them from unencrypted to encrypted and this has been done. Skinrod asked about fees and per Wernicke they have been informed that based on their usage there may be a fee imposed. The fee verbiage was included in the USERS agreement.

- **KC and Bates City user agreement approval**
 - There was discussion around this and Christianson asked if they wanted to be connected to Independence and Brame will check and forward their answer to Christianson.

Donna Lake made a motion that the USER agreement signed in September of 2020 between Kansas City, MO and Bates City be approved. This was seconded by Chris Skinrod. The motion was approved without opposition.

- **KC and Ray County user agreement approval**
 - There was discussion on this. Huth shared that the MOU has been signed and Wernicke added that this was a cleanup item. This has been on hold awaiting approval from this committee.

Tony Avery made a motion to that the USER agreement signed in March of 2019 between Kansas City, MO and Ray County be approved. This was seconded by Larry Tarrant. This was approved without opposition.

- **KC and Railway Police Dept. user agreement approval**
 - Brame noted that this was also a cleanup item. Avery asked how this was going to be operated. Brame with check to see if this is for dispatching. Huth asked that Brame follow up with Avery offline and copy him.

Tony Avery moved that the USER agreement signed in December of 2020 between Kansas City, MO and Railway Police Dept. be approved. This was seconded by Larry Tarrant. This motion was approved without opposition.

- **KC and Customs and Board Protection user agreement approval**
 - There was a discussion about this.

Tony Avery moved that the USER agreement signed in October of 2020 between Kansas City, MO and Customs and Board Protection be approved. Chris Skinrood seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

- **KC and Jackson County Circuit Court**
 - This item was brought up and it was realized that it had not been received as an agenda item for today. A motion was made, seconded, and approved (information below) to add it to today's agenda.
 - Brame shared that Jackson County Circuit Court had purchased radios. Wernicke asked if they had a specific talk group and they do. Brame noted that the Court is set up to pay users' fees.

Chris Skinrood made a motion to add KC and Jackson County Circuit Court item to the agenda. This was seconded by Richard Carrizzo. This motion passed without opposition.

Tony Avery moved that the agreement between Kansas City, MO and Jackson County Circuit Court be approved. The motion was seconded by Richard Carrizzo. The motion passed without opposition.

Avery asked that a regular check be done on those being allowed system access. Wernicke said that Johnson County or Kansas City can do reports at the beginning and end of the year.

- **System owner fees**
 - Wernicke asked if this was a standard agenda item and Winebrenner said that was correct.
 - Mike Daniels added that MARC staff have been trying to find out what was the actual system fee amount. Wernicke asked for this to be addressed later, noting that the owners would be meeting soon and would discuss this then. Nathan Dugan agreed that this should be discussed at the owners meeting before the amount was shared with this group.
 - This item will be added to a later Management Council agenda.
- **Discussion**
 - Procedure for adding Radios

- MARC has put together a procedure that can be followed when a new jurisdiction wants to add radios to the system
 - Daniels explained how the need for a procedural form came about and then, went over the created form and the steps that would happen once the form had been completed and returned.
 - It was shared that a bullet should be added for them to input who will be using the radio (example hospital).
 - If the request is a MARCER request, it will be sent to MARCER for their approval and when it is received back, it will come to the MARRS Management Council for approval. If the Council approves it, it will then be forwarded to the system owner for programming and lastly to the radio shop.

Daniels noted that this form was being presented for a consensus that this is the way MARCER requests would be processed but it could be used for any radio request.

- Encryption
 - Current Radio System set up REGCOM 15 -22 selectable encryption and 23-28 full time encryption. 1-14 will remain clear.
 - Daniels shared that MARC has received quite a few questions from small agencies and this is to make sure that MARC staff's understanding of this is clear. Skinrood shared that he thought encryption was a done deal. There was discussion about this. Skinrood said that he would be interested in a roster being kept and Huth shared that one had been started. Brame will work on completing the roster. Avery shared that Platte County was going to encryption and would be sending out a formal letter to notify others in their area so they could make their own decision. Huth asked Brame to have a draft form letter of notification ready for their leadership team meeting on Monday.
 - This group will discuss collectively how to handle the media when it is closer to this change happening.
 - Winebrenner shared that MARC is and will continue to direct questions received about this to the system owner.
 - Other Business
 - Wernicke said that the site owners were discussing doing a cybersecurity test and she has been working with a MARC cybersecurity taskforce committee on identifying some funding for this. Some federal funding was released for this and a funding request has been submitted. Winebrenner noted that MARC had a cybersecurity check done on the 911 system a few years ago by DHS CISO for free. He suggested that Wernicke might contact Jim Lundsted who assisted in putting that together. Wernicke said that she had spoken to Lundsted and they may do one but it would not be as robust as needed.

Future Meeting Dates:

MARRS Management Council @ 1:00 pm on Microsoft Teams

- August 18, 2021
- November 17, 2021