

MARRS Management Council Committee
February 23, 2022
Meeting Summary

The meeting was opened by Ellen Wernicke. She shared that the new co-chair of this committee is Major Tim Hernandez, Logistics, Kansas City Police Department. There is two new members: Ann Jordan and Keith Leap.

- Approval of November 17, 2021, Meeting Summary

Scott Boden made a motion to approve the November 17, 2021, meeting summary. It was seconded by Marie Beauchamp. The motion passed without opposition.

- System Users Updates
 - Johnson County – Worth Hunsinger – Working on AES transition, co-plugs, and starting the contacting.
 - Wyandotte County – No report.
 - Platte County – Tony Avery – Working through some co-plug issues. Have one agency still waiting on equipment.
 - Cass County – Marie Beauchamp – Waiting on MARC to finish their microwave work with Motorola so they can finish their secondary ring. Work has begun on retouching all their radios.
 - Kansas City Missouri – Jeff Brame – Programming radios. Stephenson added that they had gotten with site 1 and 3 to make sure everyone was on the same field and knows what needs to be done regarding encryption.
 - Lee’s Summit – Travis Forbes – Almost done with the whole project.
 - Independence – Jim Lencioni – He hopes by the end of next week to be installing two new channels.
 - Excelsior Springs – Larry Tarrant – Working on code development for EAS.
- System Requests Bates County - (Marie Beauchamp)
 - Beauchamp shared that Bates County has twenty-three radios at Commenco for which they are requesting MARRS pursuit talk group capabilities. These radios will stay at Commenco until our region moves to encryption. There was a discussion about this. Avery asked how they would relay to 27 and 26 backups and Beauchamp recommended that the backups be added to Bates County’s request. There was a discussion on whether the Board would approve only having a portion of the capabilities. Wernicke said the Board had not taken a hard stand on agencies getting all the REGCOMMs or just a subset. Beauchamp will work on getting the Bates County agreement with the backups included and providing a copy to this committee.

Scott Boden made a motion to give access to Bates County for REGCOMMs 28, 27 and 26. This was seconded by Tony Avery and passed without opposition.

- Discussion
 - Encryption
 - Wernicke said after what was discussed in their recent site meeting, there may be a need for a new deadline date to be brought forth. Brame continued saying it is possible that our region will run into a timeline issue of getting AES completed by the present deadline date. Wernicke added that another factor is the issue of getting equipment. Changing the deadline date to June 21 was discussed. Lencioni noted that the deadline could not go much further out than the 21 because of the major system deadline. Forbes added that there was no interest among the site owners to extend any further out than June 21.

A motion was made by Scott Boden to extend the transition deadline date from April 19 to June 21, 2022. This was seconded by Tony Avery. The motion passed without opposition.

Wernicke noted that a new letter informing everyone of a new deadline date would be sent and that it would include information regarding the three backups.

- Report on AES testing
 - Notification on the next testing date has been sent. The date is March 2, 4:00 – 6:00 a.m.

Switching system over to 1426 so everything can be tested. Anyone with questions about the testing should contact Stephenson (scott.stephenson@kcpd.org). Also, those that have not let KCPD know they are participating need to contact Stephenson or him (Jeffrey.Brame@kcpd.org) so, they can be provided the instructions. Brame also said that even if you were not participating, some the settings may still have an impact on your operations. So, he advised to make sure all dispatchers know about the testing.

Brame reminded everyone to provide MARC with the information 1) are you going to AES 2) what talk groups you are going to allow others to have. This is to make sure that everything gets programmed correctly. Wernicke asked Thomas if she had received any updates and she had not. Brame also noted that everyone needed to make sure their dispatchers know about the change to 1426. Wernicke asked if all the consoles were ready and Kansas City is ready, Johnson County still needs to move to 1426 in some centers and Cass County still have some PSAPs to complete.

- System Management

- Wernicke said the site owners may be bringing stronger policy language forward to prevent roadblocks. An example she provided was if a site is not prepared for the upgrade causing our region to be delayed in upgrading. This will probably be an agenda topic in an upcoming meeting.

- Other Items

- Brame shared that the Missouri Law Enforcement Funeral Assistance Team is wanting access to the non-encrypted REGCOMMs. This was approved by the Users/Tech committee and recommended to this committee. There was discussion around this.

Wernicke noted that there was a need to create a questionnaire to be completed when someone is asking for access. She noted that work would be done to create a draft for review at the next meeting.

Tony Avery made a motion to grant Missouri Law Enforcement Funeral Assistance Team access to the unencrypted (lower) REGCOMM channels. This was seconded by Paul Haynes. It was approved without opposition.

Brame will send a copy of this agreement to MARC.

- Winebrenner said that MARC had set up a MARRs SharePoint site for documents. Al-Rubaie will verify if information can be sent out to this committee providing them access to this site. Winebrenner asked who would want access and Daniels and Wernicke felt that if access was possible, it should start with only the site owners. Winebrenner shared that if this access is possible, site owners will receive a SharePoint invite in their inboxes.
- Timothy Hernandez shared that he is looking forward to working with everyone. Wernicke welcomed him to the committee.
- Brame shared that the KCPD Academy is available for holding meetings for groups of 50 – 60. There will be a discussion offline with Winebrenner and Daniels about holding the next meeting in-person or on TEAMS.

The meeting was adjourned.

Future Meeting Dates:

MARRS Management Council @ 1:00 pm on Microsoft Teams

- May 25, 2022
- August 24, 2022
- November 16, 2022