

**MARRS Management Council Committee**  
**May 25, 2022**  
**Meeting Summary**

Roll call was done and then Ellen Wernicke opened the meeting.

- Approval of February 25, 2022 Meeting Summary

***Richard Carrizzo made a motion to approve the February 25, 2022, meeting summary. It was seconded by Nathan Dugan. The motion passed without opposition.***

- System Users Updates

- Johnson County – Worth Hunsinger – Nothing new. Working on AES programming and everything associated with this.
- Wyandotte County – Darrell Banner – No updates; working on AES.
- Platte County – Tony Avery – Waiting on receipt of equipment shipments for several outlining agencies. Continuing to move forward on AES plugs.
- Cass County – Marie Beauchamp – Finished AES on mobiles and portables. Have five consoles to still do.
- Kansas City Missouri – Jeff Brame – UMKC site is still offline, and the building was declared non-repairable. Working through how to replace this building. Programming radios for AES.
- Lee’s Summit – Travis Forbes – Working on tech aspect to getting South Jackson County Fire Protection District added to their Prime.
- Independence – Doug Christianson – Their two new channels are now online.
- Excelsior Springs – Larry Tarrant – They have not done anything else. Waiting for a firm cutover date before doing anything. Per their new Police Chief, they will not be encrypted.

- System Requests Bates County - (Marie Beauchamp)

- Beauchamp shared that Bates County had been approved at the last Council meeting for the REGComms pursuit channels. They are now requesting all the encrypted bank channels. This would be for twenty-three radios for Bates County Sheriff’s office for pursuit/mutual aid. Brame asked why not go with both encrypted and non-encrypted? There was discussion around Bates County’s request and Brame’s suggestion. Beauchamp will assist Bates County with the required paperwork that will be brought back to this group.

***Chris Skinroad made a motion to give access to Bates County for all the REGCOMMs (encrypted and unencrypted talk groups). This was seconded by Tony Avery and passed without opposition.***

- Discussion

- Encryption

- Jeff Brame shared that at this month’s Users and Tech committee meeting it was agreed to recommend to this Council holding off on the June deadline date and rescheduling the discussion of a new deadline date for the August Council meeting. It is believed that the system upgrade will not take place now until September. Skinroad shared that this was being recommended because of the equipment shipping issues. Wernicke asked if our region’s updates did not need to happen before the cutover date in September. Per Brame, the installation does not have to be done prior to the cutover date but could be done afterwards. There was more discussion around this. Whittaker shared that offsite prep for the cutover will begin June 27 and last through July 1. The onsite upgrade begins September 26 and lasts through October 7. Skinroad shared that he had been told by a Motorola representative that anything ordered before June would be delivered within the next 8 to 12 weeks. Anything after June would probably be delivered sometime next year. There was more discussion.

***Chris Skinroad made a motion to delay the encryption changes pending the revisiting of this at the August meeting. He also made a motion to also setting a new cutover deadline at that meeting. This was seconded by Tony Avery. It was passed without opposition.***

- LTE Devices and/or Apps
  - Brame reported that when he first came onboard, it was shared that tying any Internet to the system had to be brought before this Council. Work is now being done towards having LTE, Wave, Tango Tango on our system. He believes that the Council would need to approve the use of these options. It was shared that this would affect Motorola talkgroups and cell phones. A discussion was had, and Avery shared an example of how Tango Tango worked. Dugan suggested that a policy be set that you must have an existing radio assigned to you to have an LTE device added. There was more discussion. Winebrenner asked if MOSWIN had a policy around this and Avery will check with them. Carrizzo also felt there should be a policy set first before this usage starts. Avery said that he equates this to adding new radio IDs into the system and piecemealing those out to the radio shop to program. Wernicke said that on the recommendation to come back with a policy first, she was asking the Users/Tech co-chairs to start working on this policy. They agreed to work on a policy.
- Gibbs (Motorola) was asked about delivery of equipment, and she shared deliveries were happening. If there are specific orders in question, she said to reach directly out to her. In general, things are improving. She was asked when Motorola received orders made in June and July when could those be expected to be received. She said that this would depend on the radio model and quantities, but in general, six to eight weeks is the standard lead time right now.
- Other Business
  - Avery shared that Platte recently had a tower sight that lost heating and cooling abilities. Their whole system went into sight trunking for four or five hours. It is believed that the hop from the KCI tower to Platte's Resource Center and backup dispatch was down and had been for months. All radio traffic only been going one-way. Programming and hardware issues were identified. The issue came from a bad cable in which water had gotten into.
  - Skinrood noted that there are some questions about the SARS needing to be purchased for PSAPs, pricing and ongoing maintenance. The questions are around how the requirements of this are being laid out. Wernicke asked if there were any comments and there were none.
  - Christianson said Independence had received a call from the media asking about how they get information. He asked if anyone else was receiving calls from the media and if there was a need to have a policy regarding the media having radios. Wernicke shared that our encryption key agreement makes it clear as to who gets encryption keys in the radios. Winebrenner said he had received a call from Kathleen Choal (KSHB) in which he directed her to each owner agency and told her if they were interested in encrypted communications, they would have to make agreements with the agencies that owned the radios. Brame noted that KCPD had given them access to the website which is basically CAD and Avery noted that Platte was working with their CAD vendor to see what it would take to give them mirrored typed access like KCPD. There was more discussion around this. Skinrood also felt there needed to be a policy. Wernicke suggested a review of the current policies to see if anything covered this and if not, making a policy.

The meeting was adjourned.

#### Future Meeting Dates:

#### **MARRS Management Council @ 1:00 pm on Microsoft Teams**

- August 24, 2022 – This will be a Hybrid meeting.
- November 16, 2022