

**MARRS Management Council Committee**  
**February 25, 2026, Hybrid/TEAMS**  
**Meeting Summary**

**Welcome & Call to order**

Worth Hunsinger called the meeting to order, and self-introductions were done in the room. Eric Winebrenner read the names of those online.

- Approval of the December 17, 2025, Meeting Summary  
*Tony Avery moved to approve the December 17, 2025, meeting summary. Ron Legg seconded it. The motion was approved.*
- **MARRS Project Update – Tusa Consulting**
  - o No Tusa representative attended. A follow-up meeting was scheduled for the next day.
- **PS Dispatch Encryption Update**
  - o Hunsinger reported the encryption of the PS Dispatch talkgroup was completed on the morning of February 25<sup>th</sup>, Scott Stephenson verified there were no issues to report.
- **New User System Request- Missouri Park Rangers**
  - o The Missouri Park Rangers reported that their current MOSWIN-only radios prevent them from monitoring or communicating with surrounding local agencies in Clay County, Platte County, and neighboring jurisdictions, creating officer-safety concerns. They explained that although MSHP Troop A operates on the MARRS system, Rangers themselves lack MARRS access in their vehicles, facilities, and portable radios due to programming changes during past equipment replacements.  
Council members clarified that access to jurisdiction-specific talkgroups (e.g., Clay County Sheriff, Platte County Law) must be approved individually by each agency, but the Management Council may authorize access to regional interoperability channels. Following discussion, the Council approved a motion granting the Rangers access to the Upper and Lower Regional Commons MARRS talkgroups, enabling basic interoperability, with further talkgroup access to be pursued through separate agreements with each jurisdiction.

*Tony Avery moved to approve granting the Missouri Park Rangers access to the Upper and Lower Regional Commons MARRS talkgroups for interoperability purposes. The motion was second by Ron Legg. The motion was approved with no opposition.*

- **Regional Encryption Identifier Update (Channels 15–28)**
  - o The Council discussed a proposal to add an asterisk (\*) identifier to Regional Commons channels 15–28 to clearly indicate encrypted talkgroups for dispatcher reference, particularly for Johnson County users. Because modifying channel labels on one system affects all consoles region-wide, the item required Management Council approval. Kansas City confirmed no objections, and the change requires only a database update and local console refresh.

*A motion was made by Tony Avery to add the asterisk identifier to the encrypted regional channels, seconded by Chris Skinrood, and the motion carried with no opposition. The update will be implemented the following morning, with notification sent to agencies that consoles may need to be closed and reopened to display the updated alias.*

- **World Cup Planning Update**
  - o The Council received an update on preparations for World Cup operations in the region. Four international teams will be based locally, with locations including Lawrence (Algeria), Swope (England), KC Current/Riverside (Netherlands), and the Sporting facility in KCK. A regional communications plan is being developed by Steve Hoskins and Mark Whelan, though recent involvement from an unexpected federal drone agency required revisions to the plan. Agencies hosting team operations were asked to submit their ICS-205 forms so all event-specific talkgroups can be consolidated into a single reference document.

The Council discussed the need to support a large number of incoming outside agencies, many of whom will require the 1426 encrypted regional talkgroup to be added to their radios. Each agency will need to sign the required MARRS encryption agreement, and radios will have to be programmed onsite due to system-key restrictions. Visiting agencies must provide radio model, firmware, and software details in advance, and system owners will prepare event-specific codeplugs and assign a dedicated block of radio IDs for temporary users. After the World Cup, system owners intend to refresh the 1426 encryption key.

This item was informational only. No motions were made.

- **Closed Session Discussion**

- o Eric Winebrenner raised the question of whether the Management Council should begin incorporating a closed session into future meetings. He noted that other 911 governance bodies have adopted closed sessions due to increasing public and media interest, including radio monitoring enthusiasts, and explained that Missouri law permits closed sessions for matters involving network configuration, computer systems, cybersecurity-sensitive information, and telecommunications infrastructure. These sessions would allow discussion of material that could pose a security risk if disclosed publicly.  
*Doug Christianson made the motion supporting the addition of a standing closed-session option to future agendas, and Nathan Dougan second. With no opposition, the motion passed.*
- **System Owners Update**
  - o **Cass County, MO** – Marie Beauchamp – noted plans to add Wi-Fi but had no additional items to report.
  - o **Excelsior Springs, MO** – Not present
  - o **Independence, MO** – Doug Christianson – reported the newly installed fiber connection between their prime site and Kansas City’s core is functioning well. Independence also has new Motorola 7500ES console equipment scheduled for installation in mid-March, representing a hybrid upgrade due to budget constraints.
  - o **Johnson County, KS** – Worth Hunsinger – reported no new updates since the previous meeting.
  - o **Johnson County, MO** – No report.
  - o **Kansas City, MO** – Scott Stephenson – No updates
  - o **Lee’s Summit, MO** – Not present
  - o **Platte County, MO** – reported that all equipment for its transition to Access Consoles has been received, with training scheduled for late April and installation planned for May.
  - o **Wyandotte County, KS** – No updates
- **Open Discussion**
  - o There were no items for open discussion.  
*A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Skinrood and seconded by Nathan Dougan, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.*

**2026 MARRS Management Council Meeting Dates/Location**

May 27 / Broadway

August 26 / Pennsylvania

December 16 / Pennsylvania