

MARRS Technical & Users Committee
February 11, 2026, Hybrid/TEAMS
Meeting Summary

- **Welcome & Call to order**

Chris Skinrood opened the meeting.

- Approval of the August 13, 2025, meeting summary

Marie Beauchamp moved to approve the August 13, 2025, meeting summary. Rick Gisolf seconded it. The motion was approved.

- **Users Committee**

- MARRS Project Update – TUSA Consulting – Alan Talkington

- They have completed KCMO and Cass County for initial walkthroughs. There is still some additional work being done with Cass County. They are doing tower sites visits and documentation. Cass County provided TUSA with all of their SUAs and historical contractual documentation which he is going through. These same steps are being done with Johnson County, Kansas today. They are collaborating with each agency's representative as they go through this process.
- Beauchamp asked if there was a need to have the Status Update meeting tomorrow since this meeting would provide the information that would be shared at that meeting. It was decided that Nikki Thomas would send out a cancelation for the Status Update meeting.

- i) **Missouri State Park Rangers – Jeff Brame**

- The MARRS agreement has been signed through Kansas City, Mo. The Missouri Park Rangers are requesting use of the reg comm channels; should they require assistance from other agencies? Thomas asked how many radios this would be, and Brame said he would make sure that the answer to this question would be provided at the MARRS Management Council meeting.

Scott Stephenson made a motion to recommend approval to the MARRS Management Council for the Missouri State Park Rangers to have access to the Reg Comm channels. Zach Cobb seconded this. The motion passed without opposition.

- **Technical Committee**

- **World Cup Update – Eric Winebrenner**

- There will be six games at GEHA. The FIFA Fan Feast will be located at the Liberty Memorial with other small fan feasts being held around the region. Four teams will have their camps in our region (3 in Kansas City and 1 in Lawrence).
- There will be a COMDEX in April.
- Beauchamp shared that a FEMA sent out information about a training being held April 16 or 17 to go through the IPaws emergency alerting.
- Jim Lencioni asked if anyone had a communications plan or what was the plan? Winebrenner noted that the Regional Interoperable Committee chair and committee have been working on a plan, but new entities keep coming which are causing the need for it to be redone. Per Skinrood, there were meetings yesterday in which it was discovered that the information our region had been working with was incorrect. There are issues with the communications part as to the routing information and who will be doing what. Once the plan has been completed, it will be shared.
- Brame shared that quite a few of the officers coming to assist during the World Cup have MOSWIN on their radios. Therefore, MOSWIN is being discussed in the World Cup meetings and the use of their talkgroups for the Fan Feast area. Continued discussion brought up that there may be 2 – 5 MOSWIN connections setup.
- Winebrenner said that Steve Hoskins had advised at a previous meeting that testing with FirstNet was done, and this would be utilized for the Lawrence escort group. Brame noted that after the FirstNet testing had been done, it was learned that the Kansas system would connect all the way to GEHA. So, it is not known if Lawrence will use FirstNet or their own Kansas system. Lawrence will be doing some testing.
- Brame noted that several hundred Mo agencies have been invited to come and assist during the World Cup, and quite a few of them are on the MOSWIN system. The KC Police Department (KCPD) is considering allowing those assisting to use their encryption key to add our talkgroups into their radios. He asked if this group would be in approval of KCPD allowing their encryption key to be used for this without KCPD having to get MARRS agreements signed by all of these agencies. This would just be for the FIFA timeframe. This would allow those assisting to be able to reach all of the reg comm channels. There was a discussion. Brame said that he would like the system owners and technical individuals to meet and put together a plan for agencies under the ownership to be able to use someone else's system should something happen to theirs. KCPD will set up this meeting and invite individuals to assist with creating a plan

for such a situation and what would be done if any volume issues should occur that may cause a need for an entity to be moved or switched to another system.

- **System Owners Update**

- Cass County – Marie Beauchamp – They have completed most of their PSAP walkthroughs and gathered data. Motorola has been helpful in getting this done so they can get this information to TUSA. Looking to add WIFI in the future to their system.
- Excelsior Springs – Larry Tarrant – Nothing to report.
- Independence – Doug Christianson – Fiber connection is in place and operational. They have received the first batch of equipment boxes for their console lab.
- Johnson County, KS – Worth Hunsinger – Last week, they encrypted the last of the law enforcement talkgroups that were still clear. TUSA is scheduled to start on them next.
- Johnson County, MO – Steve Ewing – Nothing to report.
- Kansas City Missouri – Scott Stephenson – The ISSI for MOSWIN is off the lease line for connection. They are not connected via fiber for ISSI.
- Lee’s Summit – Michael Tranbarger - Continuing the update project and completion of the tower migration for the new dispatch center. Christina Bailey added that they have received approval for the excess consoles and training. Their move on dates to the new center is May 15 – June 8. Brame asked how many consoles will be in the backup. Per Bailey, it will be ten with a divider wall where they could be split five and five.
- Platte County – Tony Avery – No report
- Wyandotte County – Darrell Banner – Things are quiet in their county.
- Riverside – Chris Skinrood – They have ordered their consoles. Training is scheduled.

- **Open Discussion**

- Beauchamp asked what had been decided at the December MARRS Management Council meeting regarding PS Dispatch becoming encrypted or not? Brame said that this had been voted on and approved. Winebrenner read the motion that was passed at that meeting. Beauchamp asked if this would be done before the World Cup, and Brame said yes. There was a discussion. It was brought about having an RF loader, and Brame said having this was up to the owners and if they have it; they would be responsible for overseeing how it is managed. Christianson suggested an email be sent with the date/time this switch will happen. It was agreed to do this on February 25 at 9:00 a.m. MARC staff will send out this email notification. On the 25th, Brame will send a message ten minutes prior to 9:00 a.m. on PS Dispatch that this will be happening and the timeframe. Once the timeframe is over, agencies should restart their consoles one at a time.
- Worth Hunsinger said that some of their county PSAPs had requested an update on the way the regional comms is labeled on their consoles. They would like to add asterisks at the end to show which are encrypted for reg comms 15 – 28. He asked if there were any objections to doing this labeling. He noted that if this is done, it would affect all the consoles, not just theirs. It was suggested and agreed upon to add this to the Management Council’s meeting agenda. Winebrenner shared that this would be added to the Council agenda with no recommendation from the Users.

The meeting was adjourned.

2026 MARRS Tech/Users Meeting Dates

- May 13
- August 12
- December 9