



**DATE:** December 8, 2021

**TIME:** 1:00 – 1:31 pm

**LOCATION:** 100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032

## **Maryland Statewide Interoperability Radio Control Board**

### **Quarterly Public Meeting**

#### **▪ Voting Members in Attendance**

- Norm Farley (DoIT) (Acting Chairman)
- Chris Holland (MDOT)
- Walter "Pete" Landon (GOHS)
- Dr Ted Delbridge (MEIMSS)
- Tony Rose (Charles County)
- Clay Stamp (Talbot County)
- Wayne Darrell (Kent County)

#### **▪ Board Support Staff**

- Jenn Benedictis
- Brandon Renehan
- Cindy Cole
- Justin Ellingwood
- Pat King
- Curt Andrich

#### **▪ Not Attended**

- Col Jerry Jones (MSP)
- Bud Frank (SWIC)
- Michael Leahy (DoIT) (represented by Norm Farley)
- Charles Summers (WAGIN)
- Craig Moe (NCR)
- Greg Slater (MDOT) (represented by Chris Holland)

### **Call to Order – 1:04pm**

#### **Review Minutes from 9/15/2021– Norm Farley**

**Proposed Motion:** The Radio Control Board approves the minutes from the September 15, 2021 meeting.

Moved – Wayne Darrell

Second – Tony Rose

The vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Yea – 6

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

## **New Business – Norm Farley**

### **Proposed New Primary User:**

Maryland Fire/Rescue Institute (MFRI) part of the Maryland University System.

Representing MFRI was Michael Cox, Executive Director and Stephen Cox, Operations Director. MFRI does all hazard training of fire emergency services personnel throughout the state of Maryland, they also partner with MDEM to support various incidents throughout the state. They have specialized equipment, technical rescue equipment and technical experts that are deployed to the scene to assist. They are looking to communicate with other jurisdictions with a Primary talkgroup(s). The talkgroups would enable them to do simulations and use when assisting with an incident. The initial request is for 6 radios, not to exceed 20 radios, which are all TDMA capable and up to 3 talkgroups.

**Proposed Motion: Proposed Motion: The Radio Control Board approves the application of Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute (MFRI) to become a Communications Primary User on Maryland FiRST and authorizes the Chairman to conclude the appropriate MOU with Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute.**

Motion – Pete Landon

Second – Ted Delbridge

The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Yea – 6

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

### **Proposed New SOP 11, Governance of Radio Control Board Working Groups**

The purpose of this SOP is to establish membership, rules of operation and governance of radio Control Board working groups in accordance with the RCB law. Three work groups will be established:

- System Managers Committee -- Technical issues
- System Users Committee -- Operational/User issues
- Committee of the Whole -- Combined Managers & Users

Motion – Tony Rose

Second – Wayne Darrell

The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Yea – 6

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

## **System Performance Reports – Brandon Renehan**

Brandon presented a system performance report, there were no action items based on his brief.

## **Project Status Update (Coverage Improvement) – Curt Andrich**

Curt presented a project status update brief.

**Action** – per Tony Rose’s previous request, Curt will send MD FIRST final coverage maps that are now complete to Tony. It is requested to keep this information within the public safety community.

### **Operations Status Update – Brandon Renehan**

Brandon presented an operations status brief, there were no action items based on his brief. DoIT recently had the Operations Budget hearing with DBM, we expect it to be in the Governor’s budget that will be submitted to the General Assembly.

### **Operations Committee Status Update – Norm Farley**

An SIEC Ops Workgroup meeting was held on Dec 3, 2021. Norm Farley briefly mentioned that during the meeting an interesting presentation was made by Montgomery County’s John Freeburger, regarding his experience as a FEMA Urban Search & Rescue Communication Unit Leader, while working at the Surfside, Florida condo collapse recovery site. As a result of problems incurred with interoperable communication during the recovery operation, there were lessons learned in interoperable communications and communications/operational tactics that could be of benefit to MD FIRST users.

### **Old Business - Norm Farley**

No discussion

### **Proposed Motion - I move that we adjourn and reconvene on March 16, 2022.**

Moved – Pete Landon

Second – Tony Rose

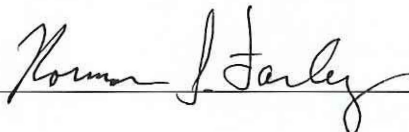
The vote was taken, passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:31 pm.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

**Director of Board APPROVAL:**  
(Signature & Date)

 3/22/2022

**Chairman of Board APPROVAL:** Michael Leahy  
(Signature & Date) Michael Leahy (Mar 22, 2022 15:40 EDT)

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