

Maryland Statewide Interoperability Radio Control Board
Quarterly Public Meeting

DATE September 17, 2025
TIME 1:02 – 1:59 pm
LOCATION 100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032

▪ **Voting Members in Attendance**

- Norman Farley (DoIT)
- Chris Holland (MDOT)
- Dr Ted Delbridge (MIEMSS)
- Colonel Roland Butler Jr (MSP)
- Clay Stamp (MACo)
- Jack Markey (MDEM/SWIC)
- Scott Haas (Eastern Shore)

▪ **Board Support Staff**

- Norm Farley
- Brandon Renehan
- Jennifer Zambito
- Cindy Cole
- Justin Ellingwood
- Pat King
- Curt Andrich
- Ebun Oni
- Sean Javins
- Cesar Leon

APPROVED

▪ **Not attended**

- Secretary Savage (Represented by Norm Farley)
- Travis Nelson (GoHS)
- Tony Rose (Southern MD)
- Charles Summers (WAGIN)
- Craig Moe (NCR)

Call to Order – 1:02 pm

Review Minutes from 6/18/2025– Norman Farley

Proposed Motion: The Radio Control Board approves the minutes from the June 18, 2025, meeting.

Moved – Jack Markey (MDEM/SWIC)

Second – Colonel Butler (MSP)

The vote was taken, and the minutes were approved.

Yea – All

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

New Business – Brandon Renehan

Proposed New Limited Primary Users:

Harford County, MD – Represented by Randy Cunningham (Division Chief - Harford County Emergency Services)

Harford County is requesting 8-10 dedicated backup talkgroups as part of their PACE plan, for use should Harford County P25 public safety radio system become inoperable, and for training. Use would occur on the rare occasion public safety users need to operate outside of the Harford County system coverage footprint.

Harford County Public Safety includes the following agencies: Harford County Emergency Services, Harford County Sheriff's Office, City of Aberdeen Police, Town of Bel Air Police, City of Havre de Grace Police, and Harford County Volunteer Fire and EMS Association.

They currently have ~3500 radios activated on MD FiRST. All radios accessing these resources would be TDMA capable. They intend to integrate into the County's dispatch consoles via consolettes/CCGWs/base stations, which is similar to the current use with MD CALL / MD EVENT / MD AV / MD PSAP resources.

Expected Capacity Impact:

Minimal during day-to-day, acceptable impact when needed as emergency backup

2 Channel expansion project for Harford County already in the works

The Radio Control Board approves Harford County, MD application to become a Limited Primary User on MD FiRST and authorizes the Chairwoman to conclude the appropriate MOU with Harford County, MD.

Moved – Clay Stamp (MACo)

Second – Dr Delbridge (MIEMSS)

The vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Yea – All

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

Charles County, MD – Represented by Chris Thompson (Assistant Chief 9-1-1/Public Safety Communications)

Charles County is requesting 8 dedicated backup talkgroups for use in the event of a catastrophic failure of their current aging 4.1 radio system. The current system is 20+ years old, and the county has issues with availability of replacement parts. The new system is under construction and is projected to cutover in Jan '27. Charles Cty will keep these talkgroups available with the new system for backup.

Charles County currently has ~2000 radios that could potentially use these talkgroups. All radios accessing MD FiRST would be TDMA capable. They intend to integrate into the County's dispatch consoles via consolettes/CCGWs/base stations.

Expected Capacity Impact: Minimal during day-to-day, and acceptable impact when needed as emergency backup.

Charles County cell current usage is relatively low (~10% utilization during busy hour).

The Radio Control Board approves Charles County, MD application to become a Limited Primary User on MD FiRST and authorizes the Chairwoman to conclude the appropriate MOU with Charles County, MD.

Moved – Colonel Butler (MSP)

Second – Jack Markey (MDEM/SWIC)

The vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Yea – All

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

Review of Annual Cost Estimation (FY26 Budget) – Norm Farley

In accordance with the RCB law to review the annual cost estimation, Norm Farley presented the approved O&M budget for FY26 and the O&M budget estimates for FY26 to FY31. A proposal from Motorola was received 9-16-2025 and the financials will be adjusted this week; therefore, the presented budget is expected to decrease.

FY27 Capital Budget Update - Norm Farley

The approved FY26 Capitol budget was presented, along with the proposed FY27 Capital Budget submission and the out-year Capital Budget estimates for FY27 to FY31.

Project Status Update – Jennifer Zambito and Brandon Renehan

Jennifer and Brandon presented an update on technology modernization projects, coverage improvement projects, capacity improvement projects, resiliency improvement projects and the MD FiRST help desk progress.

Operations Status Update – Brandon Renehan

Brandon presented an update on the system performance statistics, A2024.1 upgrade, T1-to-Ethernet cutovers, recent and upcoming maintenance activities, and new features.

System Managers Committee Status and System Users Committee Updates – Brandon Renehan

Brandon presented an update on the September System Managers Committee and System Users Committee meetings.

Old Business/Open Discussion - Norman Farley

No discussion

Proposed Motion - I move that we adjourn and reconvene on December 10, 2025.

Moved – Colonel Butler (MSP)

Second – Jack Markey (MDEM/SWIC)

Yea – All

Nay – 0

Abstain - 0

The vote was taken, passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:59 pm.

Director of Board APPROVAL

(Signature & Date)

Jennifer Zambito

12/10/25
