



DATE: December 1, 2022

TIME: 10:01 – 11:19 am

LOCATION: 100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032

MD FIRST System Managers Committee

Quarterly Public Meeting

▪ **Members in Attendance**

- Nathan Durman (DNR)
- Dave Tyler (Talbot County)
- Tony Clare (Queen Anne's County)
- Tim Perry (Wicomico County)
- Bill Nutter (Wicomico County)
- Justin Hoyer (Adams County, PA)

- Andrew Cummins (DNR)
- John Butts (DNR)
- Harold Taylor (Howard County)
- Steve Hurlock (Caroline County)
- Joshua Bosley (Allegany County)
- Natalie Cox (?)
- Randall Cunningham (Harford County)
- Irvin Church (DHS)
- Rick Esenwine (Adams County, PA)
- Mike Keiser (Ocean City)

- Robert Larimer (Dorchester County)
- Jeremy Scheinker (MDEM)
- Paul Duray (MDH)
- Jim House (MDP)

- Bobby Ritchie (Allegany County)
- Phillip Via (Allegany County)
- Donnae Reedy (MDTA)

- Jerry Calabrese (MD Judiciary)
- Larry Miedzinski (St Mary's County)
- Michael Harrod (Howard County)

- **Michael Lamb (Loudoun County, VA)**

- **Board Support Staff**

- Norm Farley (DoIT)
- Jennifer Zambito (DoIT)
- Brandon Renehan (DoIT)
- Cindy Cole (DoIT)
- Justin Ellingwood (DoIT)
- Pat King (DoIT)
- Curt Andrich

Call to Order – 10:01 am

Review Minutes from 9/1/2022– Brandon Renehan

Proposed Motion: The System Managers Committee approves the minutes from the September 1, 2022, meeting.

Moved – Nate Durman (DNR)

Second – Tony Claire (Queen Anne’s County)

The vote was taken, and the minutes were approved.

Yea – Consensus

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

Proposed New Interop User:

Adams County, PA:

Representing Adams County was IT Coordinator Justin Hoyer. They have ~50 TDMA subscriber radios and would like to increase interoperability with MD FiRST users and Adams County for large-scale events and mutual aid operations. Adams County currently has a single consolette on MD FiRST that is used during the annual National Fallen Firefighters event.

Proposed Motion: System Managers Committee suggests approval of Adams County, PA request to become a Communications Interoperability User on Maryland FiRST.

Motion – Nate Durman (DNR)

Second – Tony Clare (Queen Anne’s County), Phil Via (Allegheny County)

The vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Yea - Consensus

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum, MD Department of Planning:

Representing JPPM was Maintenance Chief IV / Exhibits Designer Jim House. Located in Calvert County this park is a 562-acre facility that runs youth camps and some events with 10,000 + people in attendance. They currently operate one TDMA subscriber radio, with plans to add 3-4 more. They have no law enforcement in the park and would like to communicate with first responders in the event of an emergency. Currently JPPM regularly liaisons with Federal law enforcement, MSP, DNR, Calvert and St Mary's County law enforcement/fire/EMS units.

Proposed Motion: System Managers Committee suggests approval of Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum request to become a Communications Interoperability User on Maryland FiRST.

Motion – Dave Tyler (Talbot County)

Second – Tony Clare (Queen Anne's County)

The vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Yea - Consensus

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

Project Status Update & Coverage Improvement – Jen Zambito

Jen presented a project status update and coverage improvement status, there were no action items based on her brief. Covering Phase 5 of the project, and the T1 to Ethernet conversion of Phases 1-4. The inter-zone connections equipment is scheduled to start on 12-12-2022. Phase 5 is scheduled to be complete in April 2023. The T1 to Ethernet conversion CDR had been conducted and the project team is awaiting additional information from Motorola for review. Westminster, Taylorsville, Sykesville and La Vale are complete and live sites. Other sites in process for FY23 are Greenbrier State Park and Davidsonville. Four additional sites are included in DoIT's FY 24 Capital Budget request.

Managers and Users were asked to use the MD FiRST App for reporting all coverage issues. This is very helpful in our testing and identifying coverage issues. <https://forms.gle/EkpDvQBK8qMXsDHR9>

Operations Status Update – Brandon Renehan

Brandon presented an operations status brief, there were no action items based on her brief.

The ongoing investigation into reported coverage issues at the Bozman/St Michaels tower was discussed. DNR reported some similar coverage issues on Route 2 in a 5–8-mile stretch. Users were reminded when reporting these coverage issues to include other devices and location information to assist with the investigation. Potential of cellular interference with 700MHz was discussed at length, additional updates to be provided in the future.

Open Discussion/Good of the Order

No old business was raised.

Closing/Adjournment

Proposed Motion - I move that we adjourn and reconvene March 2, 2023

Moved – Phil Via (Allegany County)

Second – Tony Clare (Queen Anne's County)

The vote was taken, passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 am.

Yea – Consensus

Nay – 0

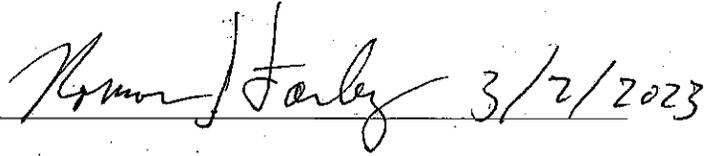
Abstain – 0

Chairman System Manager Committee APPROVAL:
(Signature & Date)



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Director of Board APPROVAL:
(Signature & Date)



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