



DATE: June 9, 2022

TIME: 1:02 – 2:28 pm

LOCATION: 100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032

MD FIRST System Managers Committee

Quarterly Public Meeting

▪ **Attendees**

- Andrew Cummins (DNR)
- Bethany Brown (DHS SSC)
- Christopher Parker (DNR)
- John Butts (DNR)
- Larry Miedzinski (St Mary's County)
- Rich Berg (MIEMSS)
- Bud Frank (SWIC / MSP)
- Bobby Ritchie (Allegany County)
- Tony Clare (Queen Anne's County)
- Brian Wood (MDEM)
- Dave Christner (DNR)
- Dave Rineholt (SHA)
- Jeremy Scheinker (MDEM)
- Justin Orendorf (Garrett County)
- Robbie Larimer (Dorchester County)
- Scott Haas (Queen Anne's County)
- Willy Gayle (SHA)
- Matthew Matich (MDH)
- Irvin Church (DHS-SSC)
- Matthew Warehime (DGS)
- Phil Via (Allegany County)
- Bill Nutter (Wicomico County)
- Tim Perry (Wicomico County)
- David Larsen (MDOT)
- Nate Durman (DNR)
- Dave Tyler (Talbot County)
- Shannon Cotton (Towson)
- Eric Cuthrell (DHS)
- James Hamilton (Worcester County)
- Joshua Bosley (Allegany County)
- Korey Rounds (Cumberland PD)
- Perminder Singh (DHS)
- Wayne Darrell (Kent County)
- Steve Hurlock (Caroline County)
- Patrick Dunkes (Comptrollers Office)
- John Donohue (Cecil County)
- Jeremy Magorka (Anne Arundel County)

▪ **Board Support Staff in Attendance**

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

Call to Order – 1:02 pm

Review Minutes from 3/3/2022– Brandon Renehan

Proposed Motion: The System Managers Committee approves the minutes from the March 3, 2022 meeting.

Motion: Tony Clare (Queen Anne's County)

Second: Phil Via (Allegany County)

Discussion:

The motion passed unanimously.

Yea – Consensus

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

Nomination/Election of Vice-Chairman – Brandon Renehan

Nate Durman was nominated to be Vice-Chair.

Motion: Dave Tyler (Talbot County)

Second: Rich Berg (MIEMSS), Tony Clare (Queen Anne's County)

Discussion:

The motion passed unanimously.

Yea – Consensus

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

New Member Considerations

Proposed New Interop Users:

MD Judiciary

Representing MD Judiciary were Jerry Calabrese, Business Continuity Manager, Sean Wolcove, Chief of Security, and Efren Diaz, Security Manager.

MD Judiciary is responsible for security at the Court of Appeals building and other assigned areas in the Annapolis complex. They have 19 Special Police Officers with 8 shared TDMA radios. They are Interoperable with Anne Arundel County and Annapolis Police. They also have driving/escorting and conference assignments with some of the judges in different areas of the state. With recent events involving judges and court rooms around the country

they have the need to get real time correspondence with MSP, DGS Capital Police and possibly others on MD FIRST.

Proposed Motion: Managers Committee recommends approval of Maryland Judiciary's request to become a Communications Interoperability User on Maryland FiRST.

Motion – Nate Durman (DNR)

Second – Tony Clare (Queen Anne's County)

Discussion:

The motion passed unanimously.

Yea – Consensus

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

Loudoun County, VA

Representing Loudoun County, Virginia were Battalion Chief Michael Lamb and Captain Tom Gilligan.

Loudoun County has 3,200 TDMA radios across 8 public safety agencies. They are currently members of MWCOG and NCR and have agreements with all the bordering counties. They would like to increase interoperability and communications capability, especially along the Potomac River waterways and transportation networks that traverse the Potomac River.

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

Motion – Tony Clare (Queen Anne's County)

Second – Phil Via (Allegany County)

Discussion:

The motion passed unanimously.

Yea - Consensus

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

Fairfax County, VA

Representing Fairfax County, Virginia was Jeffrey Holmes, Radio/Wireless Interoperability Manager.

Fairfax has 6,400 TDMA radios and are currently members of MWCOG and NCR. They represent all public safety in Fairfax County, half of Fairfax County shares a border with MD and the MD waterways. They would like to improve interoperable communications with MD DNR on the Potomac River, as well as to improve interoperability along the American Legion and the Woodrow Wilson Bridges. They have future interests in possibly becoming a Primary User with their own talkgroup(s) for helicopters and a back-up for DC.

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

Motion – Andrew Cummins (DNR)

Second – Tony Clare (Queen Anne's County)

Discussion:

The motion passed unanimously.

Yea - Consensus

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

Proposed New Primary User:

MD Alcohol and Tobacco Commission

Representing the ATC were Charles Van Howeth, Agent in Charge, and Jack Hartzell, Agent Supervisor.

Formerly part of the Comptrollers Field Enforcement the ATC is now a division under the Governor's Office. Currently they have 15 officers, which will increase to 22 on July 1, 2022. They operate in all counties and Baltimore City. The ATC will continue to operate in conjunction with the Comptroller's Office for the time being. An increase in officers could occur with the potential of the cannabis legalization being absorbed by the ATC.

Proposed Motion: Managers Committee suggests approval of MD Alcohol and Tobacco Commission request to become a Communications Interoperability User on Maryland FiRST.

Motion – Nate Durman (DNR)

Second – Dave Tyler (Talbot County)

Discussion:

The motion passed unanimously.

Yea - Consensus

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

MD FiRST Project Status Update – Jennifer Zambito

Jen presented a project status update, there were no action items based on her brief.

Coverage Improvement Program – Jennifer Zambito, Brandon Renehan

Jen and Brandon presented a coverage improvement program brief, there were no action items based on the brief.

Operations Status Update – Brandon Renehan

Brandon presented an operations status brief. An SOP will be written based on the Critical Connect and Smart Connect Pilot Programs.

Open Discussion/Good of the Order

Norm Farley provided an update on DoIT's Capital Budget request for FY24-28.

Group discussion about several reported areas of poor coverage. MD FiRST Team to investigate with help of agencies receiving the reports.

Closing/Adjournment

Proposed Motion – Motion to adjourn and reconvene September 1, 2022

Motion – Tony Clare (Queen Anne's County)

Second – Phil Via (Allegany County)

Discussion:

The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 pm.

Yea – Consensus

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

Chairman System Manager Committee

APPROVAL:

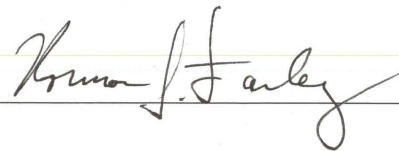
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9/8/2022

Director of Board APPROVAL:

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