



DATE: December 7, 2022

TIME: 1:00 – 1:50 pm

LOCATION: 100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032

Maryland Statewide Interoperability Radio Control Board

Quarterly Public Meeting

▪ Voting Members in Attendance

- Michael Leahy (DoIT)
- Wayne Darrell (Kent County)
- Chris Holland (MDOT)
- Mayor Craig Moe (NCR)
- Charles Summers (WAGIN)
- Clay Stamp (Talbot County)
- Tony Rose (Charles County)

▪ Board Support Staff

- Norman Farley
- Jen Zambito
- Brandon Renehan
- Cindy Cole
- Justin Ellingwood
- Pat King
- Curt Andrich

▪ Not Attended

- Dr Ted Delbridge (MIEMSS)
- Jim Ports (MDOT) (Represented by Chris Holland)
- Col Jerry Jones (MSP)
- Bud Frank (SWIC)
- Walter "Pete" Landon (GoHS)

Call to Order – 1:00 pm

Review Minutes from 9/14/2022– Norman Farley

Proposed Motion: The Radio Control Board approves the minutes from the September 14, 2022 meeting.

Moved – Charles Summers

Second – Clay Stamp

The vote was taken, and the minutes were approved.

Yea – All

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

New Business – Norman Farley

Norm presented an update regarding the FY24 Budget hearing with DBM. It appears the DoIT Radio budget was well received by DBM. The next step is for the budget request to be included in the Governor's budget submission.

Proposed New Interoperable Users:

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: The Radio Control Board approves the application of the Adams County, PA to become a Communications Interoperability User on Maryland FiRST and authorizes the Chairman to conclude the appropriate MOU with the Adams County, PA.

Motion – Clay Stamp

Second – Craig Moe

The vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Yea – All

Nay – 0

Abstain - 0

MD Dept. of Planning, Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum (JPPM):

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: The Radio Control Board approves the application of MD Dept. of Planning Jefferson Paterson Park and Museum to become a Communications Interoperability User on Maryland FiRST and authorizes the Chairman to conclude the appropriate MOU with MD Dept. of Planning JPPM.

Motion – Tony Rose

Second – Charles Summers

The vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Yea – All

Nay – 0

Abstain - 0

System Performance Reports – Brandon Renehan

Brandon presented the system performance report statistics. There were no action items based on his brief. MTA has all their users now on the system which is being monitored closely.

MD FiRST Project Status Update – Curt Andrich

Curt presented the project status update covering the enhancement of the inter-zone connections, Phase 5 of the project, and the T1 to Ethernet conversion of Phases 1-4. The inter-zone connections equipment has arrived and is scheduled to start work 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.

Coverage Improvement Program Update – Curt Andrich, Brandon Renehan

Curt and Brandon presented the Coverage Improvement Program update. 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.

Operations Status Update – Brandon Renehan

Brandon presented the Operations Status update and provided an update on Critical Connect and Smart Connect pilot program. The release of the A.2021.1 system upgrade is almost complete. Zone Controller rollouts are complete.

System Managers Committee Status Update – Brandon Renehan

Brandon reported on the results of the System Managers Committee meeting held on December 1, 2022. The Committee engaged in in-depth discussions concerning the system upgrade and the issue of cellular phone frequency interference with MD FIRST radios.

System Users Committee Status Update – Pat King

Pat reported on the results of the System Users Committee, held on December 1, 2022. Discussion occurred regarding MD FIRST best practices for interoperability. This committee wants to further explore interoperable best practices for MD FIRST users.

Old Business - Norman Farley

Norm thanked the Board for their support and leadership after another productive year. Tony Rose made a request for information concerning Disaster Recovery and Redundancy capabilities of Maryland First to be presented to the board in the March 2023 meeting.

Proposed Motion - I move that we adjourn and reconvene on March 15, 2023.

Moved – Tony Rose

Second – Clay Stamp

The vote was taken, passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 pm.

Yea – All

Nay – 0

Abstain - 0

Director of Board APPROVAL:
(Signature & Date)

Norman J. Farley 4/4/2023

Chairwoman of Board APPROVAL:
(Signature & Date)

Melissa Leman

Apr 5, 2023