



DATE: March 17, 2021
TIME: 1:00 – 1:41pm
LOCATION: Virtual Meeting

Maryland Statewide Interoperability Radio Control Board

Quarterly Public Meeting - Virtual

- **Voting Members in Attendance**
 - Mike Leahy (DoIT)
 - Col Jerry Jones (MSP)
 - Walter “Pete” Landon (GOHS)
 - Bud Frank (SWIC)
 - Wayne Darrell (Kent Co.)
 - Charles Summers (WAGIN)
 - Mayor Craig Moe (Prince George’s County)
 - Chris Holland (MDOT)
 - Dave Balthis (MIEMSS)
 - Tony Rose (Charles County)
 - Clay Stamp (Talbot County)

- **Board Support Staff**
 - Norman Farley (DoIT)
 - Brandon Renehan
 - Jennifer Benedictis
 - Cindy Cole
 - Justin Ellingwood
 - Pat King
 - Curt Andrich

Call to Order – 1:02pm

Review Minutes from 12/09/20 – Norman Farley

Proposed Motion: The Radio Control Board approves the minutes from the December 9, 2020 meeting.

Moved – Charlie Summers

Second – Dave Balthis

The vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Yea – 10

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

New Business – Norman Farley

Proposed New Interop User:

Prince George's County

Prince George's County, MD formally requested to become an Interop User. Prince George's has approximately 15,000 TDMA radios, not all will be used on MD FiRST. Their intended use will be Interoperability with State users for planned and unplanned events outside of the Prince George's County coverage area. Representing Prince George's County was Wayne McBride, Division Chief - Public Safety Communications. No comments were made by Mr. McBride; however, he was in attendance.

Proposed Motion: The Radio Control Board approves the application of Prince George's County, MD to become a Communications Interoperability User on Maryland FiRST and authorizes the Chairman to conclude the appropriate MOU with Prince George's County, MD.

Moved – Wayne Darrell

Second – Craig Moe

The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Yea – 10

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

Arlington County VA

Arlington County, VA formally requested to become an Interop User. Representing Arlington County was Stuart Sanz, County Interoperable Communications Manager. Arlington County intends to have approximately 500 TDMA radios used by fire and police for Interoperable communications on MD FiRST for planned and unplanned events when they need to operate in the State of Maryland. In the future, if they desire usage by more radios for other first responders they will come back to the Radio Control Board asking for additional approval.

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

Moved – Bud Frank

Second – Charlie Summers

The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Yea – 10

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

Proposed New Limited Primary User:

United States Capitol Police

The US Capitol Police formally requested to become a Limited Primary User. Representing US Capitol Police was Steven Gelb, Telecommunications Specialist. US Capitol Police has approximately 200 TDMA radios they would like to use on MD FiRST with one Talkgroup for statewide use with DPD and the Emergency Management Coordination Bureau to help facilitate active movements for Congressional details. Other state users will be contacted to request Talkgroup sharing agreements.

Proposed Motion: The Radio Control Board approves the application of United States Capitol Police to become a Limited Primary User on Maryland FiRST and authorizes the Chairman to conclude the appropriate MOU with United States Capitol Police.

Moved – Dave Balthis

Second – Tony Rose

The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Yea – 11

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 – Curt Andrich

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

Operations Status Update – Brandon Renehan

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

Operations Committee Status Update – Bud Frank

Bud Frank presented the Operation Committee status.

Discussion occurred regarding the use of Deployable Trunking during the Presidential Inauguration.

Old Business - Norman Farley

Per the request of Charlie Summers, a discussion ensued concerning radio communications between DNR and the Coast Guard headquarters in Baltimore during Presidential inauguration.

Secretary Mike Leahy asked Board members to submit any topics they would like to discuss. All submissions should be made to Norman Farley for inclusion in the agenda.

Proposed Motion - I move that we adjourn and reconvene on June 16, 2021.

Moved – Pete Landon

Second – Charlie Summers

The vote was taken, passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:41 pm.

Yea – 11

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

Director of Board APPROVAL:

(Signature & Date)

Norman J. Farley 7/23/2021

Chairman of Board APPROVAL:

(Signature & Date)

Michael G. Leahy
Michael G. Leahy (Jul 23, 2021 11:36 EDT)

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