



**DATE:** September 16, 2020

**TIME:** 1:00 – 1:35pm

**LOCATION:** Virtual Meeting

## Maryland Statewide Interoperability Radio Control Board

### Quarterly Public Meeting

#### ▪ Voting Members in Attendance

- Mike Leahy (DoIT)
- Ted Delbridge (MIEMSS)
- Chris Holland (Designee MDOT)
- Col Jerry Jones (MSP)
- Bud Frank (SWIC)
- Walter "Pete" Landon (GOHS)
- Wayne Darrell (Kent Co.)
- Charles Summers (WAGIN)
- Mayor Craig Moe (Prince George's County)

#### ▪ Board Support Staff

- Norman Farley
- Cindy Cole
- Justin Ellingwood
- Brandon Renehan
- Jennifer Benedictis
- Pat King

#### ▪ Members Not Present

- Tony Rose (Charles County)
- Clay Stamp (Talbot County)

### Call to Order – 1:00pm

#### Review Minutes from 06/17/20 – Norman Farley

**Proposed Motion:** The Radio Control Board approves the minutes from the June 17, 2020 meeting.

Moved – Ted Delbridge

Second – Charlie Summers

The vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Yea – 6

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

#### New Business – Norman Farley

As a precursor to proposing new users, Norman Farley informed the Board that the **IRS, Criminal Investigation** group had requested to become an Interop User. However, through research it was determined they are covered under the existing

Treasury (TIGTA) MOU. They did indicate they want to become a Primary user with one talkgroup, and they plan to apply at the December 2020 Board meeting.

## **Proposed New Sponsored Users:**

### **Maryland Task Force 1**

MD Task Force 1 formally requested to be sponsored by MEMA with the use of one talkgroup. MEMA accepted its sponsorship role. Representing MD Task Force 1 was Mathew Houck, Communications Manager. MD Task Force 1 has approximately 30 TDMA radios and desires to use one MEMA AES encrypted statewide talkgroup, in addition to using MD Call/TAC Zone. They will use MD FiRST for pre-planning events, pre deployment assembly coordination, over the road convoy movements and other short notice deployment responses. Since this is a sponsorship situation, no motion is required to approve.

## **Proposed New Interop Users:**

### **Baltimore City**

The City of Baltimore formally requested to become an Interop User. Representing Baltimore City was Jean Bonneau Motorola Radio Manager, Brandon Blevins CAD Administrator and Art Ray Public Safety Services & Emergency Communications Director (PSSECC). Baltimore City has approximately 5,000 TDMA radios. They intend to enter into Talkgroup Sharing Agreements with MdTA, MEMA, MSP, MTA, State Fire Marshal, and State Universities within Baltimore City. This MOU will include Baltimore Police, FIRE, EMS and all first responders in PSSECC.

**Proposed Motion: The Radio Control Board approves the application of Baltimore City to become a Communications Interoperability User to Maryland FiRST and authorizes the Chairman to conclude the appropriate MOU with Baltimore City.**

Moved – Charlie Summers

Second – Wayne Darrell

The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Yea – 8

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

### **Tropical Storm Isaias System Performance – Brandon Renehan**

Brandon Renehan discussed the performance of the MD First system during Tropical Storm Isaias and reported on the enormous increase of airtime and PTTs during the height of tropical storm Isaias. He reported the system performed well and handled the spike in volume. Though there was an increase number of busies, the average busy was 0.7 seconds, and the Grade of Service (GOS) level was 0.04%, well below the GOS target of 1%.

### **System Performance Reports – Brandon Renehan**

Brandon presented a system performance report, there were no action items based on his brief.

### **Project Status Update – Jennifer Benedictus**

Jennifer 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 - Gary Davis**

Gary presented the Operation Committee status. The Ops Committee met twice. One meeting was a subcommittee with all of the code plug programmers, the second was the entire committee.

Two topics were covered:

1. Code plug programming, updating and how to handle APX 6000 radios as they become full.
2. Generator site maintenance, standards, and monitoring fuel tanks.

**Old Business - Norman Farley**

**School In-Building Coverage Follow-up – Brandon Renehan**

As a follow-up to an action item from the June 17, 2020 meeting: *DoIT to investigate the best avenue to address in-building coverage in new school construction. A report on the findings will be presented at the September 16, 2020 RCB.*

DoIT held an initial meeting with the Maryland Center for School Safety to discuss LMR in-building coverage in new school construction and already existing schools.

Several counties are working with DoIT by providing information on BDAs installed in public schools.

Baseline testing in several school is being planned in MD FiRST primary-user counties to validate coverage maps, and confirm testing methodology.

Started coordination effort with Counties to take a cooperative approach on future BDA system installations.

**Proposed Motion - I move that we adjourn and reconvene on December 9, 2020.**

Moved – Craig Moe

Second – Pete Landon

The vote was taken, passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Yea – 8

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

**Director of Board APPROVAL:**  
(Signature & Date)



1/5/2021

**Chairman of Board APPROVAL:**  
(Signature & Date)



Michael G. Leahy (Jan 5, 2021 10:56 EST)

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