



DATE: September 18, 2024

TIME: 1:00 – 1:56 pm

LOCATION: 100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032

Maryland Statewide Interoperability Radio Control Board

Quarterly Public Meeting

▪ Voting Members in Attendance

- Norman Farley (DoIT)
- Chris Holland (MDOT)
- Dr Ted Delbridge (MIEMSS)
- Travis Nelson (GoHS)
- Colonel Roland Butler Jr (MSP)
- Scott Haas (Eastern Shore)
- Mayor Craig Moe (NCR)
- Secretary Russell Strickland (MDEM/SWIC)

▪ Board Support Staff

- Brandon Renehan
- Cindy Cole
- Justin Ellingwood
- Pat King
- Curt Andrich
- Charles Bryson

Not attended

- Secretary Savage (Represented by Norm Farley)
- Clay Stamp (MACo)
- Tony Rose (Southern MD)
- Charles Summers (WAGIN)

Call to Order – 1:00 pm

Review Minutes from 6/26/2023– Norman Farley

Proposed Motion: The Radio Control Board approves the minutes from the June 26, 2024, meeting.

Moved – Col Roland Butler (MSP)

Second – Scott Haas (Eastern Shore)

The vote was taken, and the minutes were approved.

Yea – All

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

New Business – Brandon Renehan

Proposed New Interoperable Users:

Bedford County, PA – Represented by Brittany McConnell

Bedford currently has ~200 subscriber radios and mutual aid agreements with Allegany, Garrett, and Washington Counties. They plan to use MD FiRST in TDMA radios only. The initial use will be for Hyndman Volunteer Fire Department with approximately 25 radios. Bedford intends to communicate with mutual aid partners in Allegany County, the City of Cumberland, LaVale VFC, Corriganville VFC, MT Savage VFC, Ellerslie VFC, and others.

Expected capacity impact: Minimal due to Interop only usage.

Proposed Motion: The Radio Control Board approves Bedford County, PA application to become an Interoperability User on MD FiRST and authorizes the Chairwoman to conclude the appropriate MOU with Bedford County, PA.

Moved – Craig Moe (NCR)

Second – Norm Farley (DoIT)

The vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Yea – All

Nay – 0

Abstain - 0

System Performance Report – Brandon Renehan

Brandon presented an update on System Performance.

Project Status Update – Curt Andrich

Curt presented an update on the Project Status.

Operations Status Update – Brandon Renehan

Brandon presented an update on the Operations Status.

SOP Review– Brandon Renehan

The SOP for the Subscriber Decommissioning Procedures is under review by the SMC (System Managers Committee). Once approved by the SMC this SOP will be presented to the Radio Control Board for final approval.

The SOP for Commercial Aviation / Air-to-Ground Conventional System will be drafted based on the outcome of the HEMs Workgroup.

System Managers Committee Status and System Users Committee Updates – Brandon Renehan

Brandon presented an update on the System Managers/Users Committees. The System Users Group held Chair/Vice Chair elections for September 2024 through September 2025. The meetings were followed by a live presentation from a P25-compliant technology vendor.

Old Business/Open Discussion - Norman Farley

The FY 26 Capital Budget request of \$14.9M was submitted to DBM and the DBM hearing was held in July.

The HEMS Workgroup has conducted initial internal discussions between DoIT, MSP aviators and MEIMSS. As of now, five use case scenarios have been defined. Work is underway to schedule a formal meeting with HEMS operators and the HEMS workgroup in October. DoIT's Assistant Attorney General has provided a legal opinion on MD FiRST supporting nongovernmental entities. The opinion reads "it is correct that under Maryland law, user means a state, federal, county or municipal agency that has established interoperability with the system and operates on the system as its primary means of daily rate of communications. MedStar is not a state, federal, county or municipal agency. It appears it wants to use the system as its primary means of daily communications, but if it did it would not satisfy the definition of user since it is not a government entity. The board is well within its authority to reject, consistent with the law and its SOP 5, the application of MedStar which is not a state, federal, county or municipal agency. Your concerns about the potential detrimental impact of MedStar operating as a primary user on the system while not necessary further supports the decision not to operate on the system."

Proposed Motion - I move that we adjourn and reconvene on December 11, 2024.

Moved – Travis Nelson (GoHS)

Second – Scott Haas (Eastern shore)

Yea – All

Nay – 0

Abstain - 0

The vote was taken, passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:56 pm.

Director of Board APPROVAL:

(Signature & Date)

Norman Farley

12/16/2024
