



DATE: June 13, 2024

TIME: 12:17 – 12:34 pm

LOCATION: 100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032

MD FIRST System Users Committee

Quarterly Public Meeting

▪ Members in Attendance

- Andrew Cummins, Officer, MNRP
- David Larsen, MDOT
- Harold Taylor (Howard County)
- John Butts, Officer, MNRP
- Joshua Bosley, EMS Captain, Cresaptown Fire Department, Allegany County
- Phillip Via, Radio System Manager, Allegany County
- Major Doanne Reedy, MDTA

▪ Board Support Staff in Attendance

- Pat King (DoIT/Chairman)
- Norm Fairly (DoIT)
- Brandon Renehan (DoIT)
- Jennifer Zambito (DoIT)
- Curt Andrich (DoIT)
- Justin

Call to Order – 12:17pm

Review Minutes from 3/7/2024– Pat King

Proposed Motion: The System Managers Committee approves the minutes from the March 7, 2024, meeting.

Moved – Andrew Cummins (NRP)

Second – Norm Farley (DoIT)

The vote was taken, and the minutes were approved.

Yea – All

Nay – 0

Abstain - 0

Questions/Discussion MD FiRST Project Status/Coverage Improvement Update – Patrick King

No comments

Questions/Discussion MD FiRST Operations Status Update – Patrick King

Co-Chair, Andrew Cummins: reiterated that MD FiRST was designed for use by a private entity. It is for government agencies or jurisdictions for use by first responders.

Old Business

The discussion was opened to review lessons learned from the FSK bridge incident. 1.) users and command chiefs are still challenged with getting all fire, police, first responders getting on the same channel, especially with a mass unplanned event. With the FSK incident, it was not an issue of everyone having the correct channel, the issue was how to communicate to all responders that were arriving what channel they should use. Interoperable training at the upper levels would be beneficial. When an event happens and the first group of responders arrives, it is difficult to determine who is in command. The confusion

is around what should the process is for the first few minutes of an unplanned event. How will all responders know what channel to switch to and who is in command?

New Business

Open nominations for FY 2025 Chair and Vice Chair of SUG. The chair will accept nominations through the September meeting when elections will be held. The election will be held during the September 5, 2024 meeting.

Closing/Adjournment

There being no further business to conduct, a motion was considered to adjourn the meeting.

Proposed Motion - I move that we adjourn and reconvene prior to the next RCB meeting on September 18, 2024.

Moved – Phil Via (Allegany County)

Second – Andrew Cummins (NRP)

The vote was taken, passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:34 pm.

Yea – All

Nay – 0

Director of Board APPROVAL:
(Signature & Date)

Norman Farley 2/21/2025

**Chairman of System Users'
Committee APPROVAL:**
(Signature & Date)

William Patrick King 2/6/2025
